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Close to a hundred members of the U.S. Army Reserve Unit's Echo Company 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry and 302nd Quartermasters listen to one of the speakers (not shown in this photo) from the Guam-CNMI Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve on service members' reemployment rights, in a briefing held at the Reserve Center in Puerto Rico Saturday morning. See story on Page 2

Ladera Int'l School shuts down

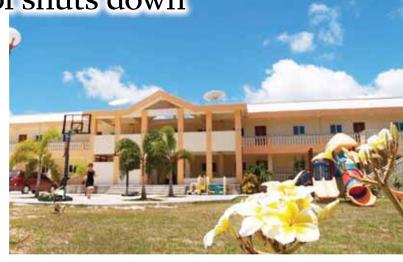
By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

After more than four years of hosting local and foreign students, the Ladera International School of Saipan shut down operations on Friday due to the island's tanking economy.

LISS principal Dr. Jack Angello confirmed with the Saipan Tribune that the school issued its notices of closure and termination of employees'

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The Ladera International School of Saipan campus in Fina Sisu is shown in this image taken from the school's website.



warning, watch issued

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE REPORTER

flurry of earthquakes, including one with a **_** magnitude 7.2 and 6.3 on the Richter scale, jolted the Mariana Islands region over the weekend but none posed a tsunami threat, according to emergency officials.

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No further work hour cuts for the rest of FY 2010

» Employees: 16-hour cut is better than losing jobs

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO haidee_eugenio@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Government employees will still enjoy their 80hour salary per pay period for the rest of this fiscal year but when FY 2011 begins on Oct. 1, 2010, they will be subjected to a 16-hour work Basa cut and unpaid



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Officials of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve on Saipan brief members of the National Guard and Reserve at the U.S. Army Reserve Center on Aug. 14.

ESGR meets with the National Guard and Reserve members

» Conducts orientation with Saipan, Tinian mayors

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Officials of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and its committee members on Saipan met with about a hundred members of the National Guard and Reserve during their regular drill weekend at the U.S. Army Reserve Center on Aug. 14.

Members of the 302nd Quartermaster Corps and the Echo Company 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry were present during Saturday's briefing.

ESGR Guam-CNMI Committee vice chair David J. Sablan said they addressed the troops to bring them up to date on their rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

"We decided to come up to Saipan to take advantage of briefing them...to basically refresh and update them on what their rights and entitlements are under USERRA and to let them know that the ESGR's committee is there to serve them if they should have any issues or

problems," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* after the briefing.

USERRA is a federal law that establishes the rights and responsibilities for members of the National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers. It affects employment, reemployment, employment benefits, and retention in employment when employees serve or have served in the uniformed services.

Should these uniformed men and women need assistance, Sablan said ESGR will help and support them.

"If we cannot help them, if it's not within the scope of our mission, then we will make referrals to where they can be helped," he added.

Sablan said the meeting was also an opportunity for them to renew ties with the command officers who have become their friends through their work at ESGR.

Established in 1972 under the Department of Defense, the ESGR promote a culture where all American employers support and value the military service of their employees by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through informal mediation.

Saipan, Tinian mayors

According to Sablan, the ESGR also met with Saipan Mayor Donald Flores on Saturday to acquaint him about ESGR.

"We oriented him on what ESGR is all about, what its mission is, and what we are doing to help a lot of the service member employees in his community here on Saipan," Sablan said.

ESGR suggested that Flores assign one of his staff to become the military liaison and receive training from ESGR to understand how to connect with uniformed men and women on Saipan, said Sablan.

Sablan said they also conducted for the first time a "Briefing with the Boss" on Tinian last Friday as requested by Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz.

About 21 employers and representatives attended the briefing, which discussed the ESGR mission and the USERRA law.

Sablan said ESGR is encouraging civilian employers to accommodate service member employees when they go on military duty "rather than have the law force you to do it."



NMC hires Agnes McPhetres for CREES program

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth deposa@saipantribune.com

The first president of the Northern Marianas College is back at the institution, this time serving a program that focuses on youth and families in the community.

NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera confirmed in a statement yesterday that

the college for a limited term of three weeks.

"Agnes McPhetres has been hired on a limited term basis not to exceed three weeks, for in-McPhetres has been hired at structional purposes for the CY-

Bill allows heirs of homesteaders killed while serving in military to own homestead permits

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO REPORTER

The Senate passed a bill allowing heirs of homesteaders who are killed while serving in the U.S. military service to own such homestead permits.

On a 9-0 vote, the Senate passed on Thursday Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu's (Ind-Rota) Senate Bill 17-39 or the Supporting our Military Act of 2010.

"The CNMI's men and women in uniform serve a vital role in the security of our nation. The Legislature finds that every effort should be made to assist

in maintaining their homesteads while on active duty, and, if the worst happens, protect their heirs," the bill states.

During Thursday's session, Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) co-sponsored Ayuyu's bill.

Under the bill, homestead permits of homesteaders serving, or who have served in the U.S. armed forces shall not be revoked at any time.

It also says that the "homestead permits of those who are or have served in the United

these distinguished individuals States Armed Forces, and receive an honorable discharge in the case of the latter, shall be passed on to the service members' heirs, by will or operation of law.'

SB 17-39 also calls for the construction of veterans parks on Tinian and Rota. Only Saipan currently has a veterans' park.

The bill requires the Department of Public Lands to designate land for veterans' parks on Tinian and Rota, not to exceed 1 hectare each. It also requires DPL to work with the respective local veterans associations and mayors on site selection.

Man gets 5-day sentence for pot

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has imposed a five-day prison term on a man who, along with his brother, was arrested in March for reportedly cultivating 177 marijuana plants.

Wiseman sentenced Felix T. Castro to five years in prison, all suspended except for five days, for illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Wiseman gave the 52-yearold Felix Castro credit for the five days he had already served in jail. This means Castro will immediately go free.

The judge placed Castro on five years of supervised probation and required him to pay a \$25 court assessment fee and probation fee and to perform 50 hours of community service.

"After considering the facts of this case, including the fact that the defendant has no criminal history, the recommendations of counsel, the court accepts the terms and conditions of the plea agreement entered into by the parties," the judge said.

Felix and Augustine Castro were arrested on March 4, 2010, after members of



the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force seized 177 marijuana plants in different areas of the brothers' houses.

> Felix Castro signed a plea agreement with the CNMI government. He pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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FAR Summer Camp Program," said Cabrera.

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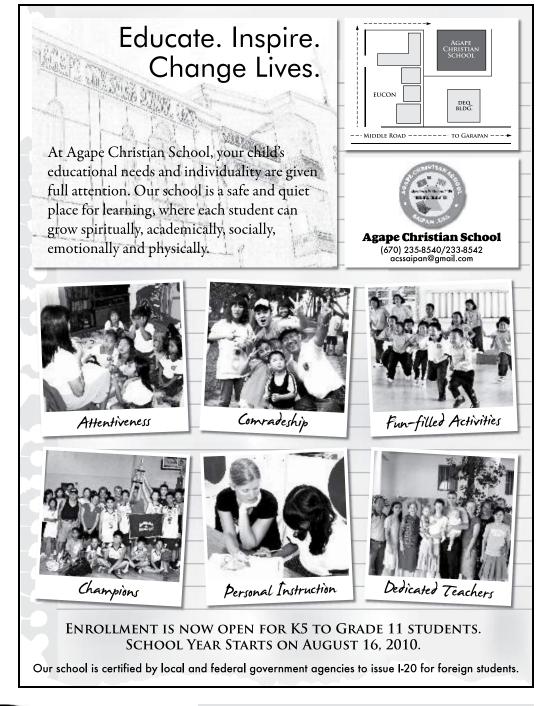
Cabrera said that McPhetres had been involved with the same program in the past and the college has hired four other individuals to help her run the program.

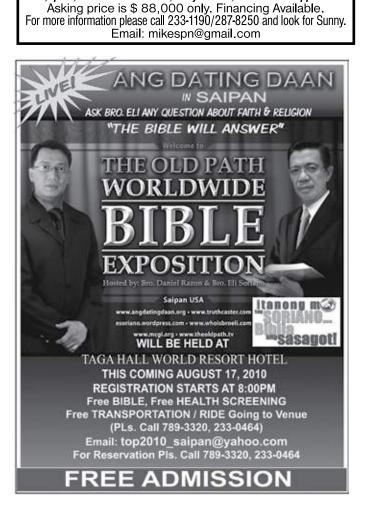
She said the program is funded through congressional appropriation for the National Children, Youth, and Families At Risk Program.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC-CREES was awarded a grant under the CYFAR program to implement and administer the Positive Reinforcement for Youth Development and Empowerment, or PRYDE program. PRYDE is designed to instill in teens the

importance of participating in and taking ownership of their education.

"Ms. McPhetres' role is to help develop the curriculum for the program and serve as an instructor for the three-week summer camp period," said the college statement, adding that all expenses are paid for using federal funds from the USDA Smith-Lever Act Section 3D.





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CNMI, **CUC** told to account for grant funds

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The CNMI government and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. are being required to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with bimonthly reports for any federal funds

or grants they used for any activities under the stipulated orders entered in the U.S. government's lawsuit against

The first bimonthly report shall be due on Oct. 15, 2010, and may be submitted as part of the 60-day report—as required under the second joint stipu-

lation entered by CUC and the U.S. Justice Department's Environmental Enforcement Section.

The bimonthly report shall include information about the origin and amount of the funds, and the projects for which the funds are used.

Other information being sought are

accounting of the funds and associated contract by project, and a projection of future uses of the funds.

The second joint stipulation was filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday following a request by visiting judge David O. Carter.

The second joint stipulation also required CUC and the CNMI to provide EPA on March 30 of each year a fully audited annual financial statement for CUC's previous fiscal year, signed by a certified public accountant.

Such stipulation requires CUC to submit, among other things, by the end of this month a report on the status of the \$4.05 million grant it got from the Department of the Interior to address oil spill related work.

The latest stipulation provides, among other things, deadlines for CUC to comply with.

The stipulated orders were intended to resolve longstanding deficiencies relating to CUC's wastewater systems, drinking water systems, and oil storage, transportation, and disposal program.

EARTHQUAKES

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The Emergency Management Office said earthquakes of such sizes sometimes produce local tsunami that can be destructive along coasts located within a hundred kilometers of the epicenter but this weekend's events generated no tsunami watch or warning.

EMO public information officer John Takai Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the 7.2 and 6.3 earthquakes were strong, but they were not felt in the CNMI because they were too far.

Camacho said no damage to property was reported.

"There [were] a lot of earthquakes on Saturday and even today [Sunday]," said Camacho, who is also EMO's geophysical seismic technician/supervisor.

Brandon Aydlett, a forecaster at the National Weather Service's office in Guam, said nothing was felt in the U.S. territory.

"It was completely unnoticed out here," he said.

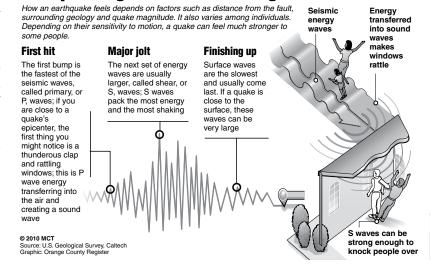
Shawn Gumataotao, deputy chief of staff for Guam Gov. Felix Camacho, said there were no immediate reports of damage, with many people sleeping through the quake.

CNMI officials also said there were no reports of damage.

Flurry of quakes

In its first bulletin issued Saturday at 8:45am, EMO said an earthquake with a 7.2 magnitude that occurred about 340 miles west southwest of Saipan

Deciphering the waves rolling in



and 275 miles west southwest of Rota was recorded at the EMO office on Capital Hill at 7:19am.

The U.S. Geological Survey, however, recorded it as a 6.9 magnitude quake with a depth of 10 kilometers.

EMO issued another bulletin on Saturday at 11 am that a second earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 occurred at 8:08am about 325 miles southwest of Saipan and 260 miles west southwest of Rota.

In its third bulletin issued Saturday at 5:30pm, EMO said another earthquake with a magnitude of 6.3 occurred at 5:30pm some 280 miles west southwest of Rota and 345 miles southwest of Saipan

USGS recorded the 6.3 quake as about 235 miles west southwest of Guam, 280 miles west southwest of

Rota, and 345 miles south west of Saipan, with a depth of 9.7 kilometers.

Between the 7.2 and 6.3 quakes, the USGS also detected on Saturday three more earthquakes in the Marianas region—4.8, 4.6, and 4.7 magnitudes.

After the 6.3 magnitude event, the USGS also recorded three more on Saturday—5.2, 5.0, and 4.7.

Yesterday, the USGS recorded a dozen earthquakes in the Marianas region. It said the quakes had magnitudes ranging from 4.8 to 6.6.

USGS geophysicist Randy Baldwin said such aftershocks are normal following a large quake.

"That's especially true if it's shallow," he said. All the quakes were about three to six miles (five to 10 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor. (With the Associated Press)

LADERA

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contracts on Thursday.

"Overall, it's the economic situation. The owners faced difficulties in maintaining the school and have decided to suspend the entire operation until such time that new investment comes in," said Angello.

Ladera was founded in June 2006 by ILC Corp., owned by Yong Nam Park and SungYun Anne Kim. It is a secular private international school that catered to both local students and boarding students from Asia or other locations. It is located in Fina Sisu on 20,207 square meters of fenced property on top of a hill overlooking the ocean. Ladera served kindergarten to 8th grade students.

Angello said the school's 10 fulltime employees got their final checks on Thursday while each parent and student was contacted Friday to inform them of the owners' decision.

He said the owners also notified all concerned agencies and organizations about its sudden decision, including the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Public School System leadership.

Ladera is home to about 90 students, both local and international enrollees.

Many of the school's local students are on scholarships and Angello said

the school's revenue depends on the entry of students from South Korea, which he admitted has been very slow at this time.

"The institution really rely on Korean investors...and the owners reached a point where it is not feasible anymore to move on, so they decided to close down," he said, adding he is hopeful that LISS will reopen in the future.

Because many private schools have already started classes since last week, Angello is appealing to these institutions to accept their students who want to transfer.

"I hope they will give special consideration to our students," he said.

Saipan Tribune learned that majority of LISS students from South Korea have already returned to their home country.

When asked about plans for the facility, Angello said the owners have yet to inform him about their plans for the school building, which houses a dormitory, a swimming pool, a basketball court, and other amenities for a boarding school.

Angello, who started at LISS as a teacher in 2007 until being named principal this year, lauded the serious commitment shown by the owners and staff.

"It's been a great pleasure working with all of them," said Angello.

Saipan Tribune tried to get comments from the owners Friday but they did not return calls.

HOUR CUTS

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the budget bill up for introduction to-

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Friday that the House leadership and the Fitial administration agreed to just forego any work hour cut until Sept. 30.

Basa and other committee members met with acting governor Eloy S. Inos again late Friday afternoon to discuss the updated version of the FY 2011 budget.

With only some 45 days left before the end of the fiscal year, Inos said there won't be substantial cuts in government expenditure—even if the austerity bill is passed.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the Friday meeting did not result in changes to what was agreed upon on Wednesday: 16 hours of reduction per pay period and unpaid holidays.

"We submitted a balanced proposed budget on April 1. We expect the budget bill that will go on the legislative floor to also be balanced," he said.

Basa said he will be introducing in tomorrow's session a new version of the budget that incorporates what was agreed upon between the House leadership and the Fitial administration during last week's talks.

"Time is running out. We have up to September 30. We still have to take care [of it] at our level before we send it out to the Senate. The Senate needs time to deliberate on it. ...I feel bad that all this has taken longer than we anticipated. I guess that's the nature of the beast, the Legislature," he said.

Senate President Paul Manglona said the Senate leadership wants to address the budget bill within two weeks after it's transmitted by the House.

The budget bill will incorporate the austerity bill by adding a provision on work hour cuts and unpaid holidays. He agreed with Inos that the austerity bill has dragged on much longer than anticipated.

"We just don't have the money. We cannot continue giving people 80 hours biweekly; otherwise, we're not going to have money again, we won't have cash, we won't be able to receive our paychecks because there's not enough for everybody," he said.

Better than losing jobs

Some government employees said they'd rather have a 64-hour work per pay period rather than lose their job in FY 2011.

"It's better than being unemployed. I don't blame many government employees for not accepting 64 hours. But we don't have a choice," said a 62-year-old government employee who is a mother of three.

Another government employee said an eight-hour pay cut every week "would be hard to swallow; but it would be a bigger problem if you get terminated."

Others said that, had lawmakers taken into consideration the governor's budget proposal—which was already based on a 64-hour work per pay period—then the budget process would have run smoother than it had in the past months.

But Basa said the Legislature is composed of 29 members who each have different opinions on the budget. He said the Legislature has "now come down to reality."

'No choice now'

House Minority Leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), when asked for comment, said it's disappointing that the government now has no other choice but to pass a budget bill that calls for a four-day workweek, when a budget summit he proposed early this year would have made a difference.

He said the House has no choice now "because it's so close to Oct. 1. Passing a budget, even if it has the 64 hours, is the only way to fund this government or there will be shutdown of all services next year as required by a constitutional amendment."

"I'm so mad that now we'll be forced to do this," he said.

He added that with 64 hours instead

of 80 hours per pay period, "we're talking about one day of not providing services to the public."

"We're talking, for example, of one day not serving our *man'amko* or one day of not maintaining our roads," he said yesterday.

Exempted from the work hour cuts will be those in critical positions such as doctors, nurses, police officers, fire-fighters and corrections officers.

But Inos said a task force has revived work on a reduction-in-force plan, to determine which government employees will be furloughed, terminated, or not renewed.

Financial planning

Basa, at the same time, urges government employees to practice financial planning now to prepare them for 64 hours of payroll instead of the regular 80 per pay period.

Benavente said even this would be hard for lowest-paid government employees who live from paycheck to paycheck.

The government has been operating on a deficit. For the first nine months, for example, its expenditure was \$23 million more than the current operating budget of \$137 million.

Resources available for FY 2011 has been further cut to \$132 million, which is reflected in the governor's budget submission.

To date, only contract or excepted

service employees in the Executive Branch are receiving a 10-hour cut from their salary every pay period.

Once the budget bill—as currently drafted—passes, then the 16-hour work hour cuts will be implemented across the board.

Basa, however, said constitutionally protected positions such as the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers, justices and judges will not be included in the 16-hour cuts.

But he commends the governor and the lieutenant governor for voluntarily cutting their salaries by 10 percent.

At least two bills are pending in the Legislature requiring constitutionally protected salaries to also be subjected to cuts when an across-the-board austerity measure is in place.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) also said the \$155,000 in annual operational account for each lawmaker should be maintained.

Basa said the increase from the current \$70,000 to \$80,000 in annual operational account on top of each lawmaker's salary will be used to help offset the budget cuts for the Legislative Bureau. Tenorio said the government will be able to save more if the bureau is not funded.

Failure to pass a new budget by the start of FY 2011 on Oct. 1 will shut down government operations as a result of last year's constitutional amendment.

Tinian wants to swap almost \$903K in CIP money with Saipan's poker money

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REPORTER

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz has asked for an exchange of almost \$903,000 in Tinian's capital improvement project money with the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's funds collected from poker license fees.

Dela Cruz said the money will be used to pay for 170 Tinian employees' longstanding retroactive salaries and for unpaid Retirement Fund contributions, among other things.

But Saipan Delegation chair Rep. Ray A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan), when asked for comment, said the decision rests with all Saipan lawmakers who will hold a session on Thursday.

"Just like any other proposal, this money swap has to be decided by the full delegation, and not only [by] the chairman. The delegation will make the final decision," Tebuteb said.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) separately said he would not approve of this money exchange, saying Saipan also has pressing

from poker and pachinko slot machine fees.

Torres also said Tinian still owes Saipan \$2.8 million which Tinian used almost two decades ago as "seed money" for its casino industry. Tinian has only one operating casino—the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

"It's been 17 or 18 years since they borrowed \$2.8 million during the time of Froilan Tenorio as governor and Tinian has not paid that money back. They used the money for casino commissioners' fact-finding trips to Korea, Macau, Philippines and other places, and other expenses. Now they're asking for tradeoff with Saipan delegation revenue. I don't think I'm going to trust this kind of deal," Torres said in an interview.

Dela Cruz, in a letter to Tebuteb, said although Tinian would like to get started with its CIPs, the island has pressing local matters that it must address, requiring "unrestricted monies."

"We are writing therefore to request the assistance of the Saipan Delegation in exchanging our local CIP monies for funds collected through

Saipan's poker and pachinko fees," Dela Cruz told Tebuteb in a July 27 letter.

He said the total amount that Tinian is asking for exchange is \$902,995.

Of this amount, \$343,350 will be paid to the NMI Retirement Fund, while \$37,732 will be paid to former employees who are owed their lump sum annual leave payments, and another \$520,913 will be used to pay 170 employees their retroactive salary.

The Tinian mayor said the previous administration accrued a tremendous liability with the Retirement Fund that the current administration has to immediately address for several reasons.

"First, we do not want to get

sued by the Fund and would like to make a good faith effort to pay them. Second, we also have people who are ready to retire but because both employer and employee contributions have not been paid, they cannot do so. These are employees who hold locally funded positions," he said.

Dela Cruz said Tinian also has over 20 former employees who are owed annual leave lump sum payments, and most of them are unemployed now. He said paying them will provide them great relief through these difficult economic times. He said 170 employees are still owed their retroactive salary.

The Tinian mayor said he would like an opportunity to

discuss this request for money appropriated \$402,000 for the exchange with Tebuteb and the rest of the delegation.

Tebuteb said a Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation session will be held this Thursday morning, and he expects this matter to be tackled.

Tinian's request for money swap comes at a time when the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation is awaiting reimbursement of \$290,000 from the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.

The Rota commission has yet to reimburse the amount loaned to it, almost a year after the September 2009 reimbursement deadline as required by a local law and months after a new local law

commission's operations in Fiscal Year 2010.

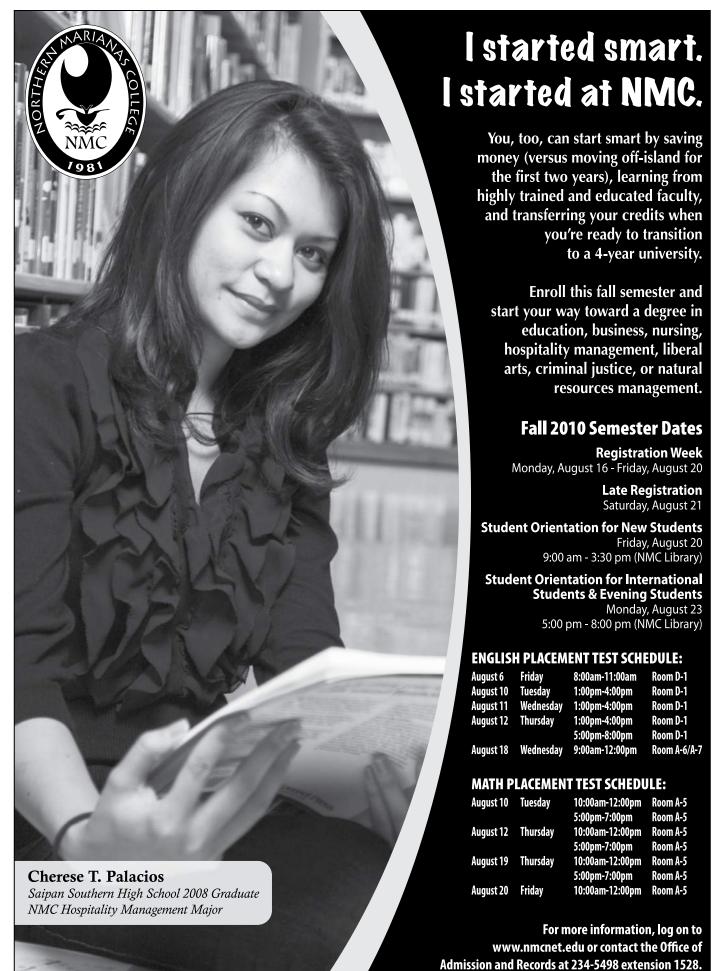
Of the \$290,000 that the Rota Casino Gaming Commission spent from the Saipan Delegation loan, \$215,608.30 had been paid to five commissioners and another \$46,575 had been paid for professional services.

To date, no casino is permanently operating on Rota but the commission had already approved a conditional license to Rota Treasure Island Corp., which held a dry run early this month

Saipan Local Law 16-4, which Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed on Sept. 5, 2008, granted a \$450,000 loan to the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.







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New election law mandates early end of voters' registration period

» 200 poll watchers eyed for November poll

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

REPORTER

The new election law mandates not only the early voting process for the November election but also changes the voter registration period, shortening the process by 10 days.

Because of this, the deadline for voter registration on all four islands is now Sept. 3—10 days ahead of the original Sept. 13 deadline, said Robert A. Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

"We're informing the public about this change in the law... so they will not be confused. When the Legislature overrode the governor's veto last week, there's a provision that also amended the registration period," he explained.

Guerrero pointed out that it is very critical at this time to announce these changes to prevent confusion and miscommunication during the election period.

As of yesterday, the commission had a total of 16,435 voters on its website.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed HB 17-66 mainly due to the early voting provision that he said would allow for "voter intimidation, fraud, and would increase the cost of the election."

Election budget

As of Friday, CEC had yet to receive its \$65,000 budget for the election. Guerrero is expecting the amount anytime this week.

The commission is looking at hiring 200 poll workers on Election Day, to be paid \$50.

"That's still the plan based on our available budget for the election and we will try to maintain that. The 200 poll workers will come from recognized political parties: Republican, Covenant, Democratic parties," said Guerrero.

He said the commission would not cut down the number of 13 polling places, although four polling stations will be transferred to a bigger venue.

He said the commission will work with the Northern Marianas College in the printing of materials for the public education to save on cost. Publication of educational materials was originally pegged at \$15,000 for each initiative, but because NMC will assist CEC, only \$30,000 will be spent for the three legislative initiatives that will be placed on the ballots.

The remaining amount will be used for logistics, radios, rent-a-car services, meals, and the poll workers' wages.

Judge rejects plea agreement of ex-convict

A Superior Court judge has rejected a plea agreement entered by an ex-convict facing charges of assaulting a Corrections officer, saying the terms and conditions of the agreement are too lenient.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman said he made the decision based on John M. Namauleg's extensive criminal history.

Wiseman set the bench trial for Aug. 25, 2010 at 1:30pm.

The amended information charged Namuleg with resisting arrest and disturbing the peace.

Under the proposed plea agreement, he was supposed to plead guilty to disturbing the peace. In exchange, his sentence would be six months in prison, all suspended except for four days, with credit for the four days he had already served in jail.

Police arrested Namauleg in May 2010 after he allegedly assaulted a Corrections officer at the Department of Corrections in Susupe.

Court records show that Namauleg had previous criminal and traffic cases.

In one case, he was accused of repeatedly stabbing a female garment worker that resulted in her being paralyzed, but he got off scot-free in September 2009 after the government withdrew all charges filed against him. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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NMC vacancies for full-time posts down to just 5

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

The Northern Marianas College's need for full-time employees is now down to just five, but it still needs more adjunct instructors—part time teachers-for its several academic and non-traditional courses.

According to the latest information on its website, the college still has vacancies for an academic librarian, an agriculture extension agent for food science and

technology, and one instructor each for education, sciences, and reading—all full-time positions.

NMC said it is also gathering a pool of applicants who are interested in teaching part-time for the School of Education, business, sciences, math, social studies, fine arts, and health and physical fitness.

Part-time instructors are also needed for its Community Development Institute, Adult Basic Education, and General Education Development programs.

American Samoa legislature nearly broke

» Overspent budget threatens payroll

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (RNZI/PIR)—American Samoa's treasurer has informed Fono leaders the Legislature only has enough funds remaining in its fiscal year 2010 budget to cover one more payroll.

The Fono's budget for the

current fiscal year is US\$6.1 million and is supposed to last until Sept 30, 2010.

Magalei Logovii says the governor instructed his staff to review all accounts from government agencies and depart-

Part-time instructors are hired for short-term employment depending on the college's needs and are not eligible for benefits that are given

to full-time instructors.

As of April this year, the college had a total workforce of 182: 76 faculty members and 106 staffers, including federally funded personnel.

Early this year, NMC asked

the governor for funding for 116 full-time positions in fiscal year 2011. This was, however, cut to just 104 FTEs.

NMC has two funding sources for operations: allocation from the Legislature and tuition and other

fees collected from students.

The local appropriation covers the salary of personnel and other college expenditures such as utilities, while tuition covers payment for "overloads" of faculty, work studies, and scholarship grants.

Guam attorney settles lawsuit by late vice speaker's grandkids for \$70,000

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A Guam lawyer has settled for \$70,000 the lawsuit filed in federal court by the grandchildren of the late Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas, who alleged that they failed to get anything from the \$1.9 million settlement in a previous lawsuit against the estate of the late business tycoon Larry Lee Hillblom.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter approved the settlement entered by Guam-based attorney Peter F. Perez and lawyers representing the Mafnas grandchildren.

The parties agreed that the

payment is not to be construed as an admission of Perez's liability.

Jess Mafnas, Franklin Mafnas, Britney Mafnas, and Blas Mafnas Jr. sued Perez, the Hawaii-based law firm of Cronin, Friend, Sekiya, Kekina, and Fairbanks, and Hawaii attorney Allen K. Williams.

In their lawsuit, the plaintiffs, through counsels William R. Satterberg Jr. and Matthew T. Gregory, asked the court to pay each of them in excess of \$375,000 in damages.

Jesus Mafnas Sr. was killed in 1995 in a crash while aboard an

aircraft being piloted by Hillblom. As a consequence of the crash, the then minor plaintiffs pursued a wrongful death lawsuit in federal district court against the Hillblom estate.

Perez, Williams, and the Cronin law firm, acted as counsels for several plaintiffs consisting of Jesus Mafnas Sr.'s then minor grandchildren and other parties. Included as plaintiffs in that lawsuit were the wife of the then Vice Speaker and his children.

that on behalf of the minor grandchildren, the defendant attorneys negotiated a \$1.75 million settlement with the Hillblom estate.

"During the negotiation of settlement in the Hillblom estate...representations

made to the court and others... that the minor grandchildren... had suffered compensable losses due to the loss of their grandfather, Jesus Mafnas Sr., and that, upon settlement, the minor grandchildren plaintiffs would be compensated for their economic losses," Satterberg and Gregory said.

They said this didn't happen. Hillblom was co-founder of Satterberg and Gregory said DHL Worldwide Express. He moved to Saipan in the 1980s. His plane went down on May 21, 1995 on a flight from Pagan to Saipan. The bodies of the pilot and fellow passenger Jesus Mafnas Sr. were found, but Hillblom's body was never recovered.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Boys Scouts organization meeting

Jesus C. Muna, district chairman of the CNMI Boy Scout of America program, would like to inform all CNMI Boy Scout leaders that there will be an organizational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 6pm at the Scout office located north of the Garapan Elementary School, MIHA Housing Unit Q-14. The meeting's agenda will include the reports of the committees, camp promotions and activities, finance, and the island director's report. Adult interested in serving youth through Boy Scouting are also invited to attend this important meeting. For more information, call Cal Reyes 235-9708. **(PR)**

NMC Presidential Search Committee extends application deadline

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Presidential Search Committee has announced that it has extended the deadline for accepting applications for NMC president. The new deadline is August 31, 2010. For more information about the presidential search or to view a copy of the vacancy announcement, please visit www.nmcnet.edu. (PR)

Glimpses to hold **GAMECON on Sept. 4**

Glimpses will be hosting GAMECON and Back To School Expo 2010 at the Club V of Saipan Grand Hotel on Sept. 4. PC and console gaming enthusiasts will compete for a chance at winning more than \$3,000 in interesting prizes plus trophies and medals. Members of the audience also have a chance to walk away with instant door prizes.

Interested gamers can visit Glimpses/Beach Road Magazine office on Middle Road, Megabyte of Saipan, Subway Restaurants, and IT&E for entry forms. Tickets are sold at \$5 for audience and \$20 for gamers. For inquiries call Glimpses/ Beach Road Magazine at 235-7645 for more details. To request for entry forms via email, write to saipan@glimpsesofguam.com. Gamers may sign up until Aug. 30. (PR)

Military Training on Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on Aug. 16, 19 and 20 from 7am to midnight. The Navy will conduct training on W-517 on Aug. 17-18 from 8am to 5pm.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Individual education programs: A workshop for parents

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend a workshop on Individual Education Programs on Sept. 1, 2010 at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8am to 1pm. Parents play an important role in the development and monitoring of their child's IEP. This half-day session will address: the purpose of the IEP; information parents can contribute to the IEP; the process for determining necessary services; monitoring one's child's educational progress; and collaborating with one's child's team. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. She was involved with the development of one of the first Parent Information Centers in New Hampshire in 1977. She is also a special education director of 20 years. (PSS)

Workshop for PSS Special Education staff

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested special education teachers, teacher aides, related service providers, as well as principals and other PSS administrators to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs on Aug. 30-31, 2010, at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe, from 8am to 4:30pm. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. (PSS)

CCA board to meet on Aug. 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association board of directors will be convening their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Department of Public Health conference room starting at 3pm. This month's agenda will include review and adoption of the 2009 Annual Report, discussion of the CCA's quarterly financial report ending June 30, updates on the CCA's Pacific CEED Legacy Project grant application, the Program Manager's Review, monthly reports from the Board Committees and Program Manager, and discussion of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition Meeting held on August 4. All Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact CCA at 682-0050 or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Hopwood calendar of activities

- Aug. 30: Mandatory Student/Parent Orientation at 8am-10am at the stage area.
- Sept. 1: All HJHS teachers and staff must report to work.

HJHS school uniforms will be readily available at HJHS office, starting Aug. 19 to Sept. 7. Parents can begin placing orders starting Aug. 16 with Ruby Hocog. Students can use their old uniforms until such time that they buy the new blue and gold color uniform.

■ Sept. 7: First day of school. HJHS school supplies lists will be available at the National Office Supply & Modern Stationary. When buying your child's basic school supplies, be sure to ask the cashier for the list. For more information, call Hopwood at 237-3421, 237-3395. (PR)



Aug. 16, 1999

CUC cautioned against pre-employment drug

The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council has cautioned the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation against its policy of pre-employment drug and alcohol screening, saying the agency may face discrimination suit if it failed to implement the requirement properly. DCC "is concerned that such policy exists and corrective action should be taken seriously to avoid violation of the federal civil rights law for persons with disabilities," said Executive Director Thomas J. Camacho in a letter to CUC. The precautions raised by the Council stemmed from a recent job vacancy announcement issued by the government-owned utility firm in which it specified that preemployment drug screening may be required for the hiring process.

PSS has \$350,000 unused money

Education officials and school administrators keep crying about lack of money to purchase textbooks. It turned out that the Public School System has \$350,000 in book funds which are sitting in its coffers, still unobligated. "The money is still there; but there may be some purchase contracts that are still being processed by the Procurement and Supply," said Bill Matson, PSS budget officer. A source at PSS said the discovery of this money has prompted the Board of Education to abandon the proposal to charge public school students for the use of books loaned to them by their schools. But despite the existence of unused money for books and other services, Matson said PSS is facing a deficit of \$160,000 in payroll.

Aug. 16, 2000

House sets Teno's Commonwealth address on Aug. 21

The House of Representatives has set the State of the Commonwealth address by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio on Monday, August 21. But the Senate will still have to approve the date for holding a joint special session to hear the governor report to the people on the health of the CNMI government. Mr. Tenorio last week said he is ready to come out with the report, but is awaiting whether lawmakers would want him to deliver that through the State of the Commonwealth address as required under the Constitution.

New approach urged in dealing with juvenile delinquents

A more stringent approach to handling juvenile delinquency cases may be needed in the CNMI, Division of Youth Services Juvenile Corrections Unit Supervisor Sylvio Ada stated after witnessing firsthand stateside youth probation practices in Phoenix, Arizona recently. Saying he is not necessarily advocating "stricter" enforcement measures, the probation officer, however, underscored that all crimes committed by youths crimes should not be taken lightly. In the CNMI, the system provides for more flexibility on punishments imposed on vouth offenders compared to the states' almost inviolable probation verdicts. "But it really depends on the magnitude of the crime. I believe there are also crimes which should be taken into consideration." said Mr. Ada.

Aug. 16, 2001

Money set aside for education programs

Efforts to fund selected programs at the Northern Marianas College bore fruit yesterday with the passage of a measure that would set aside government money expressly for this purpose. House Bill 12-361 now goes to the Senate for adoption after it sailed through the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote during yesterday's special session. According to Rep. Malua T. Peter, the bill's author, the measure aims to address the lack of funding for some programs at the NMC that were primarily set up to promote and develop local talent in areas that are important to the long-term growth and stability of the Commonwealth. These include the NMC's Nursing Program, Work Experience Training Program, Business and Hospitality Program and School of Education.

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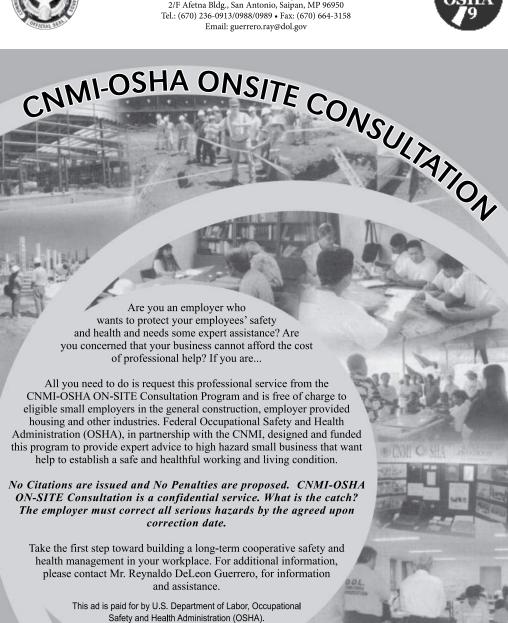
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Council accepting nominees for Annual Humanities Awards

The Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities is accepting nominations for the 2010 Governor's Humanities Awards.

annual event, undertaken in conjunction with CNMI Humanities Month in October, to recognize outstanding contribu-

The awards program is an tions to the humanities by individuals, organizations, groups and institutions.

> According to the Council's executive director, Scott Russell, nominations may be submitted in one of five categories:

- Research and Publication in the Humanities
- Preservation of Traditional **Cultural Practices**
- Outstanding Humanities Teacher (both classroom and non-classroom settings)
- Preservation of CNMI His-
- Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities

Russell said the most presaward—Lifetime tigious Achievement—will go to a nominee who has made significant contributions in the humanities over multiple decades. He stated that this award may be given posthumously.

In order to be considered, the Council must receive nomination forms and accompanying supporting documentation no nmihumanities.org. later than 4pm on Oct. 8, 2010. Nomination forms are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or from its website at www.

Russell said that the awards will be presented during a dinner ceremony tentatively scheduled for the last week in October. (PR)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday greetings go out to Rane Angeline R. Ben, who celebrated her special day on Aug. 15, 2010. "Happy 8th you enjoyed your special day! Always be a good girl. We love you Nanay, Kuya Royce and Roxanne. contributed photo



Belated happy birthday greetings go out Sanchez, who marked his special day on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010! come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family! сонтпвитер рното

cluding bachelor of science degrees in elementary education, associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas. New students are required to take the English and Math place-

NMC fall registration begins today, Aug. 16

Those interested in enrolling in the Northern Marianas College's

Fall 2010 semester can register for classes beginning today, Aug.

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, in-

16, 2010. Registration will continue through Aug. 21, 2010.

ment tests before they register. After taking the placement tests, students can obtain the required slip from the English and Math departments and meet with their academic advisers. NMC academic advisers will help new students fill in registration forms and create class schedules. Students can then finish the registration process in NMC's Room D-1.

Application for admissions will still be accepted until the last day of Registration on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, provided that both placement tests have been taken.

Fall 2010 semester important dates

- Aug. 16-20: Fall regular registration for all students (9am 6pm)
- Aug. 20: Student orientation for new students at 9am 3:30pm in the NMC Library (Building O)
 - Aug. 21: Late registration (9am 12pm)
- Aug. 23: First day of fall classes
- Aug. 23: Student orientation for international & evening students at 5pm – 8pm in the NMC Library (Building O)

Placement Test Dates English Placement Test Schedule

■ Aug. 18: 9am - 12pm (A-6/A-7)

Math Placement Test Schedule

- Aug. 19: 10am 12pm (A-5)
- Aug. 19: 5pm 7pm (A-5)■ Aug. 20: 10am - 12pm (A-5)

Ongoing students must clear any outstanding balances at the Finance Office, the Library, or the Curriculum Resource Center before they can register for classes. To find out if any balances exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1528, or log on to www. nmcnet.edu. (NMC)



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Immigration debate sinks to new low

he latest craze in the immigrant-bashing fad is the drive to deny citizenship to U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants—never mind what the 14th Amendment says.

Incredibly, advocates of this notion are ready to toss aside nearly 150 years of legal precedent and the plain language of the Constitution in an effort to gain partisan advantage out of one of the most divisive and complicated issues on the national agenda.

Several top Republicans are calling for hearings to revisit the 14th Amendment, the Civil War era addition to the Constitution that grants American citizenship to most everyone born in this country, save for the children of foreign diplomats and Native Americans born on sovereign reservations.

This suggests either a profound misunderstanding of the law—Congress cannot write a law explaining what the Constitution really means—or a desire to plunge the country into a useless political brawl that would serve only to distract law-makers from finding a real solution to the immigration problem.

Rewriting the amendment would require a super majority to win approval, followed by a ratification by 38 of the 50 states. Neither of these is likely. Or they could call a constitutional convention. That has never been done. Nor should it.

The drive to alter the 14th Amendment defies the idea of inclusiveness—a basic principle in a nation built by immigrants. It would also create a far bigger problem than it purports to solve: According to a report released Wednesday by the Pew Hispanic Center, 8 percent of America's newborns are the children of undocumented immigrants. Denying them citizenship would produce some 340,000 stateless persons each year and lead to a huge bureaucratic boondoggle as Americans scramble to figure out how to prove their own citizenship under a system which would require something other than a birth certificate.

Already the debate has produced a high volume of cheap shots. Sadly, some of this comes from the not-so-usual suspects. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a Republican senator who has tried to find common ground with colleagues on immigration reform, told Fox News: "We just can't have people swimming across the river having children here. That's chaos."

Wrong. The immigrants who have babies here do not come to give birth. They come for jobs.

The U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants cannot sponsor their parents until they turn 21, and even then the parents would not be eligible for another decade, making the notion of so-called "anchor babies" preposterous, not to mention offensive.

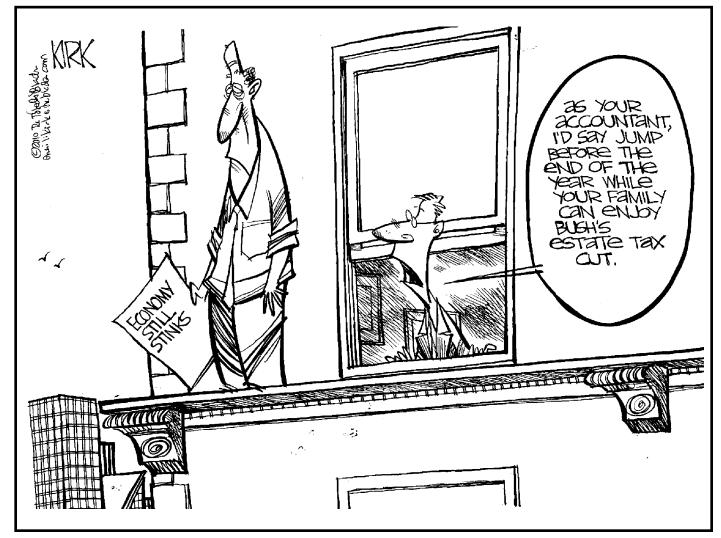
Some conservative pundits cite the author of the constitution's citizenship clause, Sen. Jacob Howard of Michigan, who purportedly said he meant to exclude "foreigners, aliens." It matters less what Sen. Howard said than what he wrote:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Are these congressional leaders, including Sen. John McCain, arguing that illegal immigrants living in this country are not subject to U.S. jurisdiction?

As Americans grow frustrated with a tanking economy, unemployment and a failed immigration policy, the debate grows louder, but not better. It might help if pundits and lawmakers spent less time arguing over the need to "defend our borders" and more time defending the Constitution.

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Earth Healing Day

id-August seems to be the time some of our ardent Earth-lovers are calling forth for a concentrated focus on the health of our planet. A World Healing Day with an ecology thrust was observed on Aug. 11, 1999, out of UK. This year, out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, comes an eco-spirit global call for an hour of "knowing, doing and being" the healing presence and force for one hour, from 12pm to 1pm on Aug. 15, 2010.

This movement takes traditional symbols of affirmation as the starting point of healing, so the vocalization of such liturgical sounds as *Amen! Om! Alleluia! Shalom! Ho! Kiwana! Amin! etc.* in chant, meditation, contemplation and prayer, or even just in the echo chambers of the mind's eye, is encouraged. Visualizing the health of the planet as a unitary organism, of which *homo sapiens* are an integral part, (personal images of paradise will do), is a healing exercise.

"Even if I knew the world would end tomorrow, I'd still plant apple trees today," comes from Francis of Assisi. In my brand of Christian piety, prayer is the declaration of the awesome mystery of being before the actual deed of one's personal intentions. Many traditions have taken the empathetic form as the venue for prayers, accompanied in some by eruptions of frenzy, and in our age of commercial consumerism, prayer has also become a checklist of requests to the dei ex machina of our devotions! Some even "pray" for a parking spot before they head for the department store!

That may not be what our Earth Healing Day's organizers have in mind. At the emotive end, we have those proposing to "connect our mind's focus and spirit force" to actually effect ecological healing. Our rational age sneers at such practice, e.g., denigrating them as tree-huggers, but ample research shows the organic connection between emotional and mental attitudes to the behavior of animate creatures. I've frozen judgment on inanimate ones, though somewhere in the CIA and the current KGB-incarnation, I am sure someone is at work on it!

If the above is too navel-watching for some, the scientific mind takes its methodological prowess and creates a contemplative algorithm of care. The *Tao of Physics* is not just a cutesy for a figment of the literary imagination! It affirms the organic unity of human knowledge and what may pass for fuzzy superstition, when taken seriously, is richly embedded with practical wisdom of physicality and mathematics.

In our midst last Wednesday was Stacey Tighe, Ph.D., out of Hawaii who presented to an AMP audience what I would consider an algorithm of sustainable ecotourism: "The CNMI has a lot of facilities and services in the tourism sector that could easily facilitate the development of a small but key number of community-based and eco-tourism activities. By offering a niche market for the up and coming more experienced or ethical tourist, community-based and eco-tourism help to diversity and add value to the CNMI's existing

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Vergara is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section.



massive nature-based tourism sector."

"Moving all tourism further toward sustainable tourism approaches, the CNMI can develop a resilient, diverse tourism industry that is able to maintain the value and operation of the natural systems that are the primary attraction." Sounds like a prolegomena for a small group to gather around to and begin "prayerfully" expand on in developing an action plan. Nancy Kelchner, our ebullient Park ranger will try to get the Power-Point presentation on the AMP website at http://www.nps.gov/amme. Check out Ruth Tighe's column at http://net.saipan.com/personal/omm/ for a gist of the talk.

In my travel accounts, I've made a distinction between being "travelers" who commune and "tourists" who consume, travelers who relate and tourists who gawk. The CNMI more often cater to consumer tourism ever ready to make the hapless tourists part as quickly as possible from their \(\frac{1}{2}\)en, Rmb, Won, A\(\frac{1}{2}\), NZ\(\frac{1}{2}\), S\(\frac{1}{2}\), and NT\(\frac{1}{2}\). Because the amenities offered are provided by non-local tour operators, there is hardly any value-added that accrues to the local economy. The widely reported interaction with the local color, like having one's rental car broken into and electronics ripped-off, regrettably has provided ample reasons for our visitors not to return. We might begin doing a job on ourselves by treating guests as fellow waytravelers the Si Yu'us ma'ase island way rather than as prey for easy commercial pickings.

So Stacey Tighe's "prayerful" presentation, banking on the abundant natural capital we have and harnessing local common sense which we have yet to totally lose, on people-to-people glocal interaction, might just be what an active observant of Earth Healing Day looks like.

"A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of human history," is a Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi insight. "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead, concurs. Even Stalin shared the same view on the power of small groups.

So "small groups of people," let's get our minds around the noon hour today, or better yet, gather colleagues around a common table and lay out operating visions. For the healing of the planet, let us murmur an ecological prayer!

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How to get the white elephant off our back

he CNMI is bogged down with the CUC problem and of money while the service constantly deteriorates. Meanwhile we cannot seem to resolve it. It is a white elephant on our backs. The solution is quite simple though. Most of our problems are solvable if the government would only step aside and do what it is created for. It is not a commercial corporation. It is a government entity made up of men and women elected by its citizens to govern for a period of time! It should not operate business-like activities that take years of experience, accountability, and continuity of management.

For over 26 years you and I have witnessed one mess after another caused by the government while insisting that it can operate our utility facility and other institutions. Incidentally a white elephant is an animal that only eats and takes up space, giving little in return. That is our CUC. It costs more to maintain than it is worth.

There is a solution waiting. Continue reading. It is time we take action and correct the situation. If we don't change our attitude and approach, the net result will be to perpetuate our problem and get deeper and deeper into a financial hole and continue suffering with the problem we have today.

Government is to govern, not to operate our basic necessities that make our lives pleasant. These operations are best left to professionals. Until we accept this important fact, our basic necessities will never be corrected, regardless of the amount of money that we pour into them. And we will continue to pay a higher and higher price for our tolerance and silence.

Over the years the CUC has been bastardized and abused from mismanagement by various directors who never had any experience in operating a business, let alone operating a public facility for power and water. Then after a few years when the administration changed command, they were replaced by another similar director. Each one played his game at our expense. Since he was appointed by the administration, he could do not wrong. To admit error is to

We are constantly in a "state of emergency" and constantly short

constantly tolerate this and think this is the way it has to be. No, it doesn't have to be. Read on.

Today we have various good choices for our power plant problem to make it more efficient. Lately we have been hearing: "Hey, let's go nuclear." "But I like thermal." "No, let's do wind power." All are good. But what is wrong with this thinking that will spell the difference between success and another failure? It isn't the selected type of electric generation. It will depend upon who manages and operates it. So the question is: Who will manage and operate it!?

It has been proven over and over that when a company does badly or goes bankrupt, 95 percent of the times it is the fault of bad management. So it has been at CUC. Government cannot operate a successful business. However I applaud all the sincere and loyal employees there. I feel their anguish and frustration. They are not to blame. It is their superiors starting from the very top. Remember gravity flows downward. What the *top* thinks is what is produced or else.

All types of electrical generation methods have good and weak points. But if the government is going to continue operating any one of the various methods and hope for a successful and more efficient power plant, forget it! Any government operation as it is today is the *kiss of death.* In a few years we will end up in the same predicament. No, I am not going to suggest privatization.

After doing some research I found how other municipalities have solved their problem of power production and distribution.

They formed a cooperative. Before I explain details on how an electric cooperative works, please do your own research. Here is the website: National Rural Electric Cooperatives or NRECA. You will be amazed at what others have done who had been suffering as we are today.

Electric cooperative utilities are unique in that they are owned and controlled by the consumers they serve. In other words you and I own shares and participate in meetings to help decide policy. Rates

The Army Reserve personnel on Saipan have different regulations and they are authorized to wear their BDUs within the civilian community.

However, when you see a Marine wearing his/her Marine Corps combat utility uniform, he or she earned the right to wear such uniform and there is nothing wrong to be seen wearing it. By the way, we are grateful for the Marines to set up training areas on Tinian and money would surely trickle to our residents in some way.

Segundo Castro

Stockton, CA

'They deserve our respect'

This is in response to Thomas Camacho's letter "Make Saipan Jungle Boots- and BDU-free." I think this kind of statement is an insult to the men and women of our armed forces, some of whom are sons and daughters of the CNMI. These people guard us while we sleep and deserve our respect. The uniform deserves respect too! It is a symbol of our country. I am pretty certain that the military is not going to set up shop on Saipan, but if they do, the service people who may be patronizing our mom-and-pop stores should be welcomed and respected like anyone else. More so, in my opinion, because they have made a choice to serve their country and possibly die if needed.

Mitch Westland

Tanapag, Saipan

Outnumbered by aliens

Some of the Chamorros on Saipan are worried as to their future, socially and politically. Socially, we have already been outnumbered by alien workers. Politically not yet. Alien workers have taken more that 80 percent of private sector jobs. Starting from Marianas Resort in the northern part of Saipan down to the south at PIC in San Antonio, you'll find a lot of them working and living in the area. Soon they will be up on the hilltop politically.

The island of Saipan will end up like another island in the Pacific Ocean called Fiji, which is now dominated by the Indians. The Indians took over the private sector then the government. George Speight, with some Fijians, used AK 47 assault rifles and retook the government, claiming it belongs to the Fijians. Fiji is now controlled by Frank Banamarama, a Fijian. Saipan will soon end up like another Fiji. Lucky Uncle Sam is here.

Thomas Aquino Cabrera Camacho

Chalan Piao, Saipan

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



are adjusted to meet expenses and overseen by local consumers. When you open the page in NRECA read about the Bill of Rights. The members have rights we never dreamed of.

Some interesting facts about electrical cooperatives:

- 1. Involves over 42 million people in 47 states.
- 2. Serves 12 percent of the nation's population.
- 3. Owns assets worth \$112 billion.
- 4. Owns and maintains 2.5 million miles, or 42 percent of the nation's electric distribution lines covering three quarters of the na-
- 5. Delivers 10 percent of the total kilowatt hours sold in the United States.
- 6. Generates nearly 5 percent of the total electricity produced in the U.S. each year.
- 7. Retires \$545 million in capital credits annually.
- 8. Pays \$1.4 billion in state and local taxes.

And more but you check them out!

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, founded in 1942, is the national service organization dedicated to representing the national interests of cooperative electric utilities and the consumers they serve. If anyone wants the name of the contact person who can further explain the NRECA, please email me or call me and I will give you the name of the person.

Again electric cooperatives are private, independent electric utilities, owned by the members they serve. Electric cooperatives began to spread across rural America after President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration in 1935.

The REA marked the first steps in a public-private partnership that has for over 74 years given to communities the power to organize cooperatively and accept responsibility for the provision of safe, affordable and reliable electric power. Can you believe it?! No more fumbling government interference! We, the consumers, can control our own utility. Wow!

And here is a great bit of news—all types of utilities (investorowned utilities, municipal owned utilities and electric cooperatives enjoy some form of subsidy as needed from the federal government. Check it out! NRECA!

I continued my research and found that the Kauai Island in Hawaii has an electric cooperative. It is called Kauai Island Utility Cooperative and was formed in the late 1990's. The reason I picked Kauai is because it is almost the same size as Saipan. It has about 48,000 total population. Its website is http://www.kious.coop/. You will see happy smiling photos of consumers at meetings as well.

The majority of Kauai's energy is produced by importing liquid petroleum. In addition, KICU offers \$800 rebates to residential customers who have solar water heating systems installed in their homes by energy participating contractors. The KICU also is constantly educating and motivating its customers on how to conserve electricity. They will even come to our homes free of charge and examine the homes' electrical systems to make sure they are safe and correct. Wow! What service!

In 2008, KICU was responsible for generating over 467 MWH for its 31,000 customers. Isn't this about the number of consumers we have here on Saipan? And they generated \$189,625,128.00 in revenues!

What I am stressing here is that others have taken matters into their own hands and found a better, cheaper way, and more responsible way to enjoy one of the basic hesitates of modern life. Why can't we?

Please explain clearly to me why the government has to meddle in producing our electricity, our water system, our medical system and our Retirement Fund? Yes, I will be discussing these as well in future articles. We must take control of our own destiny since the government keeps messing up our lives.

If we are going to improve our lives, we must take matters into our own hands and correct them. Others are doing so and solving their problems. I repeat: Government is to govern, not to operate commercial entities. It has not been able to and cannot do it ever. Remember the reason that 95 percent the businesses that fail is the fault of poor management.

This is not intended as an attack on any individual or group. It is an attempt to improve what has become a plague and burden on our back. Others have solved their power problems. Why can't we? Remember check it out: NRECA and KICU! Anybody for candles?

Letters to the Editor

Rules on wearing BDUs

This is in response to Thomas Aquino Cabrera Camacho's letter to the editor ("Make Saipan jungle boots-and BDU-free," Saipan Tribune, Aug. 13, 2010), where he stated, "Money will come soon. Let us not rush to greediness. I hate to walk around Saipan seeing jungle boots and BDU (battle dress uniform) in our mom-and-pop stores like what is happening in Guam and will soon happen on Tinian."

In accordance with the U.S. Marine Corps AlMars (AlMar 35/07) wear of the Marine Corps combat utility uniform|), paragraph 3 states, "The MCCUU is a field uniform and is not appropriate for wear in a civilian environment, wear of the MCCUU is authorized while commuting to and from work via privately owned vehicle. However, effective immediately, and as a significant change to the REF, en route stops while off-base are not authorized except for bonafide emergency." Paragraph 4 states, "Marines may only wear the MCCUU at off-base establishment when using drive-thru services such as ATMs, fast food restaurants, or dry cleaners when they will not exit the vehicle."

So there is a slight chance for anyone on Saipan to see any U.S Marine Corps personnel wearing their battle dress uniform in public in the foreseeable future, let alone shopping at mom-and-pop stores wearing their fatigues.

A positive note amidst all the negative

A momentary lapse of judgment on Wednesday evening left our new digital video recorder and its waterproof housing unit stranded on Managaha Island. We didn't notice it was missing for nearly 48 hours. We assumed it was lost, claimed by some lucky beachcomber. Despite the desperate economy, the good citizen who discovered our camera did the honest thing and safeguarded it at the lost and found until it was claimed.

My wife and I would like to sincerely thank the Managaha security guard who goes by the name of "Mr. Apple" and Tasi Tours for ensuring the safe return of our camera. We would also like to thank Officers Falig and Camacho and the rest of the DPS Boating Safety crew for assisting in the recovery the lost camera. Thanks to the collaborate efforts of excellent employees at Tasi Tours and DPS Boating Safety, the unthinkable happened—we got our camera and waterproof case back! Thank you!

With sincere gratitude,

Joe Przyuski and Katie Busenkell

Papago, Saipan

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Fast winds 15 to 20 mph.

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Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Fast winds 15 to 20 mph.

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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 79
Palau	Showers	▲ 85	▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 86	▼ 78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	≜ 83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 88	▼ 74
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲ 91	▼ 76
Maiuro	Rain	▲ 85	▼ 77

Around The Globe

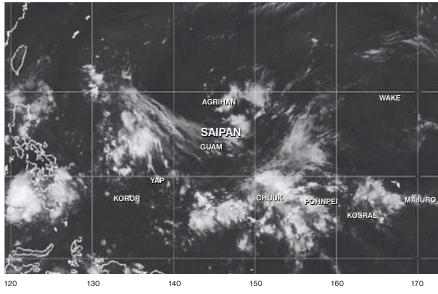
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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	≜ 88	₹70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	88	▼ 76
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 74
London	Showers	▲ 71	₹59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 78
Melbourne	Sunny	≜ 58	▼ 38
Miami	Thundershowers	≜ 87	₹79
New York	Thundershowers	≜ 82	▼75
Osaka	Thundershowers	№ 92	₹78
Paris	Showers	▲ 74	▼ 58
Pusan	Thundershowers	84	₹76
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San Francisco	Sunny	≜ 63	▼57
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 85	₹73
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Tides

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6:32 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Washington, DC Thundershowers ▲89 ▼76

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough is located north of Koror Palau. It extends southward from 23N131E to 10N131E then turns southwestward to beyond 130E at 8N. Upper-level divergence is combining with convergent low-level winds east of the trough axis to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of the CNMI between 22N and 17N from 130E to 141E and also over Yap between 15N and 9N from 136E to 141E. An upper-level trough extends southwestward from a low centered just east of Minami Tori Shima at 25N156E to another low centered northeast of the Marianas near 22N148E then turns southward to end near Chuuk. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present just northeast of the Marianas between 21N and 17N from 145E to 150E and north of Chuuk within 70 miles of a line from 14N149E to 17N156E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located north of Pohnpei between 13N and 9N from 154E to 160E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei and just east of Chuuk between 9N and 3N from 152E to 161E and east of Kosrae within 80 miles of a line from 8N165E to 5N170E. Finally, scattered showers are found east of Maiuro within 100 miles of a line from 6N173E to 8N180.

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Wednesday	1:41 PM	12:14 AM
Thursday	2:35 PM	1:07 AM
Friday	3:25 PM	2:01 AM

Moonrise/Moonset

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam–Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
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O P I N I O N

In memoriam: Chandra Sekar

Over this past weekend I had the unfortunate experience of confirming that a very close friend—one who had lived, and not only that, well, a good word might be flourished here on Saipan for many, many years, one who was here several years before I arrived some 27 years ago, and one who was known and loved by most of us education program's old-timers and now mostly retirees—passed away just recently in his home country of India.

I write of Mr. Chandra Sekar. He was known to most graduates of Marianas High School as Mr. Sekeran, but to students of his Chemistry and Physics classes, and indeed to many of his peers, (and sometimes even to his supervisory vice principals and principals) he was always referred to as Sir.

Back in 1984 he introduced himself to me by his first name, Chandran, and I will always remember him as such. To him I was always John, appropriate as we were colleagues in the same department and not Mr. as my former students

and others know me. Although continuously working with him side-by-side and on a firstname basis, in my heart I always knew he was one higher, one to be listened to, one to be respected, one who for me was a role model to follow.

His was the first name of several we identified in our dedication page and before hundreds of others we placed into the acknowledgements pages for our recently printed environmental science course textbook, Island Ecology Resource Management: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMC Press 2007). Of all the potential candidates, we dedicated it first to him since Chandran, more than anyone, inspired the book's development and had led several earlier efforts to develop local program-supporting instructional materials.

During the seven years I knew him best, when he was my department chair, Chan-

dra constantly pushed the then Department of Education to allocate more funds for vitally needed science supplies and equipment to improve instructional experiences for our students. He significantly helped the then newly-forming Northern Marianas College by-in addition to his day job-instructing evening and weekend courses in chemistry and physical science, courses needed by many to graduate.

MHS had a tradition of having class advisers to help oversee class-focused events and as long as I knew him, Chandra was always selected to be either the Junior Class adviser or the Senior Class adviser. He initiated the first advanced placement courses in the CNMI, introduced the first high school honors society, co-introduced the first upward bound program, co-introduced the first Washington D.C.focused Close Up Program, started the CNMI's Little Miss Contest to help fund the other programs, led and co-wrote the first CNMI high school energy workbook, led and cowrote the first CNMI ocean sciences workbook, and wrote the original elements of the CNMI Chemistry and Physics curriculum for the then active Science Task Force.

During their high school days, Mr. Sekaran mentored many of the individual current and past CNMI leaders who later went on to be successful in the various fields of medicine, law, business, education, and public service—most of whom had taken either Chemistry or Physics or both from him. He always worked after school hours and always on Saturdays to prepare for the coming week, plan new programs, set up lab experiments, grade written submissions, etc., etc.

Chandra was shorter than average in height, and to some extent portly in stature. He carefully treated his diabetes with daily insulin shots and he suffered from faltering vision difficulties. Yet he was always involved with others, working to advance some worthwhile effort, be it for the school yearbook, for some class activity, or helping with school or islandwide science fair projects.

And he almost always smiled. Portraying a quiet and scholarly demeanor, the fact was he was not afraid to fight big battles like when a particular personnel problem became intolerable in our department. Chandra led the needed effort for a group of us to take the matter all the way to the Education Commissioner for eventual and appropriate resolution.

Mr. Sekeran left the CNMI under less than ideal circumstances. Apparently because they were afraid that English speaking skills were lacking in some, officials here passed rules (or was it a law?) that all foreign instructors, no matter how long term, were to be sent packing. As I understand it, after a stay for a period in Singapore, Chandra eventually returned to India, and settled into something of a retirement life in his family's home region, southern India if I recall, within the region now known as Chennai, formerly, Madras.

It's easy for me to recall memories of Chandra when I want and you can too. All you need to do is visit the MHS campus and view the Plumeria trees and flowers when you drive up to the main building. Yes, Chandra and his students planted those. It wasn't just us science folks but all others working in the school were constantly supported by Sir's collaborative work. Departmental-wise—for him it was never we vs. they—it was always us. Vocational Ed programs respected him. English and Journalism programs respected him. Math programs, Social Sciences, Art, Physical Education, Home Economics, even school Maintenance Programs loved and respected Chandra Sekar, and everyone esteemed him as their close friend, Sir.

John Furey

No misuse of federal funds

Our congressman in Washing- stay within a constrained bud- seriously hurt future funding job in securing federal funding for a myriad of community services and projects. He is building bridges between the CNMI and the federal government where, before, only great rifts existed. I commend his hard work and the results of his efforts. Let's hope that these efforts pay off.

There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the current administration has long played a shuffle game with taxpayers' money, moving money from one place to another in an effort to cover up its inability to properly manage those funds and to get. It would be an ethical blunder as well as illegal to use the funds that Kilili has secured for anything besides their stated purpose. These are federal funds and are sacrosanct for all but their intended usage and that usage is to benefit all of the CNMI.

I understand that the feds are keeping a close eye on funds now sent to the CNMI because of the glaring misuse of those funds in the past. Let us hope that the politicians refrain from using any of these funds for purposes besides their intended use. Should anyone misuse these funds it would compromise the integrity of the CNMI and could cur, I would hope that the federal overseers would prosecute those individuals to the full extent of the law. That includes anyone.

Let us not timidly allow the mistakes of the past. Let us accept nothing but zero tolerance for any corruption, misuse of public funds, or lies about where the money is quartered. Our future depends on it. To Kilili, I say good job. To the feds I say keep a sharp eye on your money lest it be secreted away to pay for past misuse.

Bill Weiss Puerto Rico, Saipan

Business

Five free workshops for small businesses

The CNMI Department of Commerce and the newly re-opened CNMI Small Business Development Center will be hosting five free workshops aimed at improving your business prowess or preparing you as you consider starting a new business sometime in the future.

This FastTrac Growth Venture five-part series will be held at the American Memorial Park's theater is being offered to the public for free.

The workshops are one of many that the CNMI SBDC office, in partnership with Commerce and Commonwealth Development Authority, plans to bring to the public.

"Gaining a competitive edge is often linked to grabbing a hold of new information or reviewing what you might have known. This high quality training, open to the public and free as it's partially funded by a USDA Rural Development grant, will certainly be worth your investment of time," said SBDC director Gary Liddle.

The workshops will be conducted by Denise Mendiola Hertslet, executive director of the Pacific Islands Microcredit Institute that administers the first and only microcredit loan program in Guam.

She is also a certified small business counselor; certified NX Level trainer and FastTrac facilitator; program coordinator for the Bank of Guam Women in Business Program: and program coordinator for the Microcredit Training Program at the UOG-Guam Small Business Development Center.

Hertslet brings with her over 10 years experience in market-

ing and business development and management in the public and private sector with an emphasis in training and customer service and over eight years as a small business owner, including Real Woman Magazine, RW Media, LLC, and I.P. Coffee Co. in Mangilao. Her other activities include host of the Women in Business Radio Talk Show on NewsTalk K-57, past president of Soroptimist International of the Marianas, board secretary of the Guam Council of Women's Clubs. Awards include the 2004 SBA's Women in Business Champion and 2006 ASBDC State Star.

For more information or to reserve one's place in any or all of the workshops, call Tracy or Gary at (670) 664-3018.

The CNMI Small Business Development Center is a Service Center of the University of Guam Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network and is partially funded through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. (Commerce)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 17

- 9am-11:30am
- Sizing Up Your Business ■ Lunch (on your own)
- 12pm-2:30pm

Exploring Growth Opportuni-

■ 2:30pm-5pm How To Determine Market Potential

Wednesday, Aug. 18

- 9am-11:30am
- Making Strategic Decisions
 - Lunch (on your own)
- 12pm-2:30pm Using Financial Tools

Sizing Up Your Business

If you're like most entrepreneurs, you're constantly barraged with information, decisions, and opportunities, and when you have time to think about it, you may wonder whether your business is achieving its potential.

This workshop will help guide you through some key questions about your business and help you sharpen your strategic thinking and decision-making abilities to grow your business.

Exploring Growth Opportunities

The most successful entrepreneurs don't question whether or not they should grow their business, but rather how, when and how much. This workshop will focus on sales and profitability and help you evaluate growth indicators that show your business's readiness for growth.

Determine Market Potential

This workshop will focus on assessing your market potential by examining specific key factors: your ability to compete, duration of opportunity, growth potential and risks and rewards.

Making Strategic Decisions

One common denominator among successful entrepreneurs is their ability to think strategically and make critical decisions about the future direction of their business. This workshop will help you work on your business strategy: how you plan to accomplish your goals and achieve your vision.

Using Financial Tools

How do you build a budget that supports your vision and strategies? How do you know if your budget is accurate? How do you use your financial statements to make financial decisions? This workshop will help you begin your business financial planning process and/or improve your current financial model.

Bank of Guam featured in nat'l bank magazine

» Recognized by ABA Financial Marketing Awards

HAGATNA, Guam-The Bank of Guam was prominently featured in the July-August issue for the contest: to give the bank We have identified clever proof ABA Bank Marketing, a magazine published by the American Bankers Association. The article covered two full pages and described the student-produced

television ads that the bank orga-

nized as a contest in 2009.

The piece recognized the bank's achievement of three goals successful marketing programs. creative way to stretch its advertising dollars; to maintain strong community presence, and to identify young media talent. Cash prizes were given to the winners from a total of 46 submissions.

"It is very gratifying to see

our bank featured in a national publication which highlights motional pieces with a local flair, and it is important to recognize and grow such talent," said Lou A. Leon Guerrero, Bank of Guam president, chief executive officer and board chair. (BoG)

USCIS hosts Webinar to help employers with CNMI Form I-9

The Verification Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will conduct its third in a series of one hour Webinars on the CNMI Form I-9 on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2010 from 8am to 9:15am local CNMI time.

The Webinar is a live meeting that takes place over the Internet. The meeting includes

a presentation that gives attendees the opportunity to learn about the CNMI Form I-9. The CNMI Form I-9 is only for use in the CNMI and is required for all new hires in the Commonwealth since Nov. 28, 2009.

To register for a USCIS Webinar, go to the Sign Up for a Webinar page at http://go.usa.gov/it1.

More information or assistance is available through our customer service representative Tuesday through Saturday from 4am to 1pm local CNMI time by dialing 1-888-464-4218.

To learn more about the federalization of immigration law in the CNMI. go to www.uscis. gov/cnmi. (USCIS)

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Nation

WikiLeaks says it won't be threatened by Pentagon

Assange

STOCKHOLM (AP)— WikiLeaks will publish its remaining 15,000 Afghan war documents within a month, despite warnings from the U.S. government, the organization's

founder said Saturday.

The Pentagon has said that secret information will be even more damaging to security and risk more lives than WikiLeaks' initial release of some 76,000 war documents.

"This organization will not be threatened by the Pentagon or any other group," Julian Assange told reporters in Stockholm. "We proceed cautiously and safely with this material."

In an interview with The As-

sociated Press, he said that if U.S. defense officials want to be seen as promoting democracy then they "must protect what the United States' founders considered to be their central value. which is freedom of the press."

"For the Pentagon to be making threatening demands for censorship of a press organization is a cause for concern, not just for the press but for the Pentagon itself," the Australian added. He said WikiLeaks was about

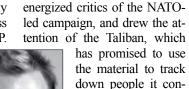
halfway though a "line-by-line review" of the 15,000 documents and that "innocent parties who are under reasonable threat" would be redacted from the material.

"It should be approximately two weeks before that process is complete," Assange told AP.

"There will then be a journalistic review. so you're talking two weeks to a month."

Wikileaks would be working with media partners in releasing the remaining documents, he said, but declined to name them.

The first files in WikiLeaks' "Afghan War Diary" laid bare classified military documents covering the war in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2010. The



release angered U.S. officials,

siders traitors. That has aroused the concern of several human rights group operating in Afghani-

stan and the Paris-

based media watchdog Reporters Without Borders, which has accused WikiLeaks of recklessness. Jean-Francois Julliard, the group's secretarygeneral, said Thursday that WikiLeaks showed "incredible irresponsibility" when posting

WikiLeaks describes itself as a public service organization for whistleblowers, journalists and activists.

the documents online.

"There are no easy choices for our organization," Assange said. "We have a duty to the people most directly affected by this material, the people of Afghanistan and the course of this war which is killing hundreds every week. We have a duty to the broader historical record and its accuracy and its integrity. And we have a duty to our sources to try and protect them where we can."

Assange told the AP that while no country has taken steps to shut down WikiLeaks, some have been gathering intelligence on the organization.

"There has been extensive surveillance in Australia, there has been surveillance in the United Kingdom, there has been the detainment of one of our volunteers who entered the United States a week and a half ago. But he was released

8 shot, 4 fatally, outside Buffalo, NY, restaurant

after four hours," Assange said. He didn't give details of that incident.

In addition to speaking at a seminar, Assange was in Sweden to investigate claims that the website was not covered by laws protecting anonymous sources in the Scandinavian country.

Assange confirmed that WikiLeaks passes information through Belgium and Sweden to take advantage of press freedom laws there. But some experts say the site doesn't have the publishing certificate needed for full protection in Sweden. Assange said two Swedish publications had offered their publication certificates to WikiLeaks, "but we will soon be registering our own this week."

He declined to disclose what other countries house WikiLeaks' technical infrastructure.



END OF WAR ANNIVERSARY

Couples kiss in New York's Times Square, Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, on the 65th anniversary of VJ Day. Hundreds of couples donned sailor hats and nurse's caps and smooched in Times Square, re-enacting the famous Life magazine photograph of a nurse being passionately kissed by a sailor at the end of the war. A 26-foot statue replicating the original photo was also erected for the celebration. World War II veterans and their children on hand for the kiss said they want today's generation to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in the war. Edith Shain, who said she was the nurse in the original photo, died in June at the

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)— Eight people leaving a party at a downtown Buffalo restaurant were shot early Saturday, four of them fatally, including a Texas man who had returned to his hometown to celebrate his first wedding anniversary, police said.

Managers had decided to close the City Grill in the city's business district after an altercation inside. The victims were leaving at about 2:30 a.m. when a man who had been inside began shooting, police said.

"There were verbal things going on. Management apparently chose to close down and have everybody leave the restaurant," Chief of Detectives Dennis Richards said. "People were leaving when this shooting happened."

Keith Johnson, 25, of Buffalo was charged Saturday afternoon with four counts of second-degree murder and could face more charges. Johnson was in custody late Saturday afternoon and unavailable for comment.

Police didn't know whether Johnson was involved in the earlier altercation and asked witnesses to speak up.

"We need people to come forward," said Police Commissioner Daniel Derenda, who estimated there were 100 people at the scene when police arrived.

The group was attending a party in advance of a more formal anniversary celebration scheduled for later Saturday, authorities said. The

couple, Danyell Mackin, 30, and his wife, Tanisha, married in Texas a year ago and had returned to celebrate with Buffalo-area friends and family, authorities said. Tanisha Mackin was not hurt.

"An occasion that should have been a joyous one, a happy one, turned tragic," Mayor Byron Brown said Saturday near the restaurant, a popular stop for office workers during the week and people attending theater and sporting events at night.

The Mackins, who grew up in the same neighborhood, had been friends since they were 13 and started dating in 2001, according to a website created to commemorate their marriage and provide details about the celebration.

ACROSS THE NATION

Man drowns about 8 miles from where Obamas swam PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla.

(AP)—A man has drowned in the Gulf of Mexico about eight miles from where President Barack Obama and daughter Sasha were taking a dip. The News Herald of Panama City reported that it happened about 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Double red flags were flying all day, meaning the water was closed to the public because of rough surf. The Obamas also swam Saturday afternoon but in protected waters at a resort where the president, first lady Michelle Obama and Sasha were spending the weekend. The visit was designed to promote tourism in the Florida Panhandle, which has sagged after the BP oil spill in the Gulf. Police identified the victim as 41-year-old John Richards of Mooresville, N.C.

Pilot near Alaska crash site says clouds were low

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A pilot flying in the area of this week's Alaska plane crash that killed former Sen. Ted Stevens and four others has estimated that clouds were as low as 600 feet at the time of the crash, the National Transportation Safety Board's chairwoman said Saturday. That is well below previous estimates of between 1,000 and 2,000 feet, Chairwoman Deborah Hersman said at a news conference. The pilot of the small plane also told investigators that visibility was between five and seven miles, she said. The cause of Monday's crash on a remote mountainside in southwest Alaska hasn't been determined. Investigators have spoken with two of the four survivors, and one survivor has told officials he didn't notice any changes in the plane's pitch or hear any unusual engine sounds right before the plane went down.

Ramp collapses under weight of cement truck in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A loaded cement truck was upended when a ramp it was backing up collapsed under its weight in downtown Los Angeles. City fire spokesman Brian Humphrey

says the truck crashed through the pavement Saturday as it inched up toward the roof of a one-story commercial structure in Little Tokyo. The cab pointed straight up in the air as the truck rested on its rear end. Its driver was treated at a hospital for minor injuries. Humphrey says about 20 gallons of diesel fuel spilled and about three cubic yards of cement flowed into the business. The city's Building and Safety Department will supervise the removal of the truck and check the structure for damage.

Co. confirms deaths of 2 miners in Nev, mine shaft

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Searchers in Nevada found the remains of two miners at the bottom of a gold mine shaft, company officials said Saturday, after crews worked for more than 32 hours to safely access the area 1,300 feet underground. The victims were identified by Barrick Gold of North America as Daniel Patrick Noel, 47, and Ethan Joel Schorr, 38, both of Spring Creek. Noel is survived by his wife and three children, while Schorr is survived by his wife and four children. The company said the men had been missing since early Thursday when a vertical pipe broke from a wall and struck a cage similar to an elevator lowering the pair into the ventilation shaft. The pipe runs the length of the Meikle mine shaft. The accident raises the number of fatalities at the mine since it opened in 1994 to seven. In Nevada, the world's fourth largest gold producer behind South Africa, Australia and China, there have been 28 mining deaths in the last decade.

Fire in front of downtown DC hotels extinguished

WASHINGTON (AP)—A fire that forced the evacuation of two hotels in downtown Washington near the White House has been extinguished. No injuries were reported. The fire started around 7:45 p.m. Saturday and appeared to have been sparked by an underground electrical transformer. The flames shot into the air in front of the W and Willard hotels on F Street about

a block east of the White House. D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Pete Piringer says the fire was put out around 9 p.m. and power was restored to the area around 10 p.m. Neither hotel was damaged.

Sacred artifacts returned to Northern Calif. tribe

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—White deerskins, condor feathers and head dresses made of bright red woodpecker scalps are among more than 200 sacred artifacts that are once again in the possession of a Northern California Indian tribe. The Yurok Tribe celebrated the items' return this past week-among the largest repatriation of Native American sacred objects ever-from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. The tribe has 5,500 members and lives on 55,000 acres along the Klamath River near the Oregon border. Its leaders say the artifacts date back hundreds and maybe even thousands of years. They will continue to be used in ceremonies intended to heal the world.

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Asia

Cholera strikes amid Pakistani flood disaster

NAHAL TOOSI ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A case of the deadly, waterborne disease cholera has been confirmed in Pakistan's flood-ravaged northwest, and aid workers expect there to be more, the U.N. said

Saturday. The discovery came as new flood surges hit the south and the prime minister said 20 million people had been left homeless by the deluge.

The flooding disaster has battered Pakistan's economy and undermined its political stability at a time when the United States against Islamist extremism. The U.N. has appealed for an initial \$460 million to provide relief to Pakistan, but has said the country will need billions to rebuild once the flood recedes.

In light of the crisis, Pakistan canceled celebrations Satur-



Pakistani flood affected villagers sit in the rubble of their houses, in Aza Kheil near Peshawar, Pakistan on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010.

The primary risk following a flood is diseases spread by contaminated water:

Disease risk in water

Initial risk

Diarrhea

Acute watery diarrhea causes dehydration

Most at risk Age 5 and younger, the sick, the old and the pregnant

Cholera

Causes severe diarrhea, vomiting, organ failure Risk Can spread rapidly in areas with poor sanitation; bacterium spreads in human feces

Typhoid

Causes fever, headache, abdominal cramps,

Risk Passed on by contaminated food, water

Hepatitis A

Flu-like symptoms, high fever

Risk Passed on by contaminated food, water

Within two weeks

Malaria

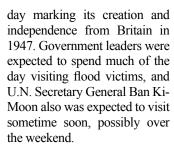
Can kill by causing anemia or clogging capillaries Risk Passed on by mosquitoes; parasite infects liver

Dengue fever

Causes fever, joint and muscle pain, severe bleeding Risk Passed on by mosquitoes; disease is endemic

Source: World Health Organization

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The floods have killed around 1,500 people, and aid workers have warned that diseases could raise that toll.

One case of cholera had been fully confirmed in Mingora, the main town in the northwest's Swat Valley, U.N. spokesman Maurizio Giuliano said Saturday. Other cases were suspected, and aid workers are now responding to all those exhibiting acute watery diarrhea as if it is cholera, Giuliano said.

Cholera is "an acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium Vibrio cholerae," according to the World Health Organization. It can lead to severe dehydration and death without prompt treatment, and containing cholera outbreaks is considered a high priority following floods.

The Pakistani crisis began in ters) wide at some points — 25 late July, when unusually heavy monsoon rains tore through the country from its mountainous northwest. Hundreds of thousands of homes have been destroyed. The economy's biggest industry, agriculture, has been severely hit, with an estimated 1.7 million acres (nearly 700,000 hectares) of farmland wiped out.

U.N. officials, citing government figures, have said around 14 million Pakistanis were directly or indirectly affected.

But in a televised address to the nation Saturday, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said 20 million were now homeless. He did not elaborate, and it was unclear how many of those people were briefly forced to leave their homes and how many had lost their houses altogether.

Fresh flood waves swelled the River Indus on Saturday, threatening nearby cities, towns and villages in southern Sindh province, said Mohammed Ajmal Shad, a senior meteorologist. The Indus was already more than 15 miles (25 kilometimes wider than during normal monsoon seasons.

Authorities were trying to evacuate or warn people in Jacobabad, Hyderabad, Thatta, Ghotki. Larkana and other areas. Already, many flood victims are living in muddy camps or overcrowded government buildings, while thousands more are sleeping in the open next to their cows, goats and whatever possessions they managed to drag with them.

The damage to the Pakistani government's credibility, which was already shaky, may be even harder to repair, especially after fury caused by President Asif Ali Zardari's decision to visit Europe as the crisis was unfolding.

The prime minister defended the government's response to the flooding disaster in his speech Saturday.

"This natural disaster has caused destruction at such a huge level that the government help (to survivors) looks insufficient," Gilani said, adding that rescue workers are doing their best to reach all victims.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China holds day of mourning for landslide dead

BEIJING (AP)—Cinemas closed and coal miners stopped work as China observed a day of mourning Sunday for more than 1,200 victims of a mudslide a week earlier in a northwestern town, while authorities rushed to protect survivors from more flooding. In a televised memorial service, some 5,000 rescue workers and Zhouqu residents bowed their heads in silence as a siren wailed at 10 a.m. State TV showed coal miners in northern China and railway workers with their heads bowed in mourning. Cinemas and karaoke parlors were ordered to close and concerts were at government offices were lowered to half-staff. Websites switched to all-black formats.

2 killed as troops open fire on **Kashmir protesters**

SRINAGAR, India (AP)— Two people were shot dead by security forces Saturday as deaths continued to mount during weeks of defiant protests against India's rule over the predominantly Muslim region of Kashmir. Unrest that has killed at least 57 people since June shows no signs of abating despite the deployment of thousands of troops and calls from

canceled. The giant Chinese India's Prime Minister Manflag on Tiananmen Square in mohan Singh for calm. Tens of the heart of Beijing and flags thousands of Kashmiris staged angry demonstrations Friday atter government forces killed four people and wounded 31 others.

China expanding testing after latest milk scandal

BEIJING (AP)—China will test a wider range of dairy products and even breast milk as authorities investigate claims that a brand of infant formula caused apparent breast growth in a small number of babies, an official newspaper reported Saturday. It was the latest food safety scandal to shake China, which drew worldwide attention two years ago when more than 300,000 children were sickened and six died after drinking infant chemical melamine. It had been added to fool tests for protein content. The Health Ministry is currently conducting quality tests on dairy products in the major cities of Beijing and Shanghai, the People's Daily reported, citing physician Liang Li who is on an expert panel at the ministry.

Japan PM shuns shrine, apologizes at **WWII** ceremony

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's new liberal prime minister shunned a visit to a shrine that has outraged Asian neighbors for honoring war criminals, breaking from

past governments' tradition and instead apologizing Sunday formula tainted by the industrial for the suffering World War II in Pakistan caused. Members of the nowopposition Liberal Democratic Party, which ruled Japan nearly continuously since the end of the war, made a point by carrying out their own trip to Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo on the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Shinto shrine—a spectacular building with sweeping roofs and a museum in its grounds that glorifies kamikaze pilots—has set off controversy by honoring the 2.5 million Japanese war dead, including Class A war criminals such as Hideki Tojo, Japan's war-time prime minister who was executed in 1948.

Officials: Alleged **US missiles kill 12**

MIR ALI, Pakistan (AP)— Suspected U.S. missiles killed 12 people Saturday in a Pakistani tribal region filled with Islamist insurgents bent on pushing Western troops out of neighboring Afghanistan, intelligence officials said. Elsewhere in the country, gunmen targeted non-ethnic Baluchis traveling on a bus and painting a house in two attacks in southwestern Baluchistan province Saturday, killing 16 people and wounding eight. The airstrike in Issori village of North Waziristan was the first such attack since intense floods hit Pakistan in late July.

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World

Canada: Tamil migrants in good condition

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—Hundreds of Tamil asylum seekers from war-ravaged Sri Lanka spent a grueling three months at sea in a cramped, ramshackle cargo ship but arrived in fairly good condition, Canadian officials said Saturday.

The ship, carrying at least 450 refugees, was modified in order to maximize profits for a human smuggling operation likely organized by the Tamil Tigers, Canada's top security official said.

The Thai-flagged MV Sun Sea docked Friday near British Columbia's capital of Victoria on Vancouver Island, 47 miles (75 kilometers) east of Vancouver.

Canadian officials said some refugees were nauseous and dehydrated but were mostly in good spirits.

"The people were in fairly



Migrants are escorted off the MV Sun Sea by officials in Colwood, B.C., Canada Friday, Aug. 13, 2010.

good health," Canadian Border Services executive director Rob Johnston said. "They were very cooperative. They were communicative. ... I personally did not see anybody who looked like they had been through a very harrowing experience."

A total of 450 migrants had been processed since the ship docked Friday, Johnston said, who added the conditions aboard ship were better than officials had feared. He said there were hammocks and eating areas, and that the women and children were separated from the men.

He said more than 350 men, 50 women, and 50 children were onboard. The government had previously said 490 were onboard.

"The vessel was in much better shape than expected, it was relatively clean and organized. A system had been developed to dispose of waste and garbage," he said.

Johnston said they appeared to have been well fed and had adequate water.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Insp. Tracey Rook also said they were surprised by how good the migrants looked considering how long they were at sea.

"They were not like how you may expect after being at sea for several months," she said. "Their clothing was in good condition and they had access to food and water en route."

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said the vessel was extensively renovated so that it could carry as many people as possible. He called it the work of a sophisticated criminal network—likely the Tamil Tigers—an organization Canada labeled a terrorist group in 2006

"This isn't any old sailing boat," Toews told CTV television. "The evidence continues to suggest that this is the work of a criminal enterprise."

"The Sun Sea itself was modified in order to maximize the number of persons and increase the profits in that way. For example it was modified with a sanitation system that would never have been installed in a vessel of this size," Toews said.

The Tamil Tigers, also known as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, sought an independent state, claiming decades of discrimination by Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority. The conflict killed more than 80,000 people and ended after a massive government operation against the Tigers.

3 children injured by Northern Ireland bomb

LONDON (AP)—Three children suffered minor injuries in a bomb attack seemingly timed to attack police and emergency services in Northern Ireland, officers and a lawmaker said Saturday.

Police said a device exploded close to a school in Lurgan, Co. Armagh, about 22 miles (35km) west of Belfast, injuring two 12-year-old children and a two-year old who were struck by flying debris.

At the time of the blast, police had been evacuating

homes in the area following reports of a separate device. Army specialists are checking two other suspicious objects in same area, police said.

Lawmaker Dolores Kelly, of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said the blast was likely designed by dissidents to target police.

"This was a despicable attempt to draw police in and then set off a bomb precisely where they would have been trying to keep other people back out of danger, and that is why the children were injured by debris from the explosion," Kelly said.

Earlier this month, Irish Republican Army dissidents planted a fake car bomb outside a police station, and in a separate incident a car bomb in Northern Ireland's second-largest city of Londonderry exploded outside a police station, causing minor damage and injuring nobody.

Last week, a British Army major found an unexploded booby-trap bomb under his car outside his home. Dissident Irish Republican groups have carried out a series of recent bomb attacks in Northern Ireland, but have rarely been successful in killing or injuring their targets. They are opposed to the Northern Ireland's peace process, and the Catholic-Protestant government—the central achievement of a U.S.-brokered 1998 peace accord.

"People are absolutely furious and no wonder. We need more firm political leadership and better intelligence methods to cope with this threat," Kelly said.

Jean seeks dual citizenship for Haiti

By TAMARA LUSH

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Hip hop artist and presidential hopeful Wyclef Jean said Saturday that as leader he would work to change Haiti's constitution to allow dual citizenship and give many Haitians living abroad the right to vote in their homeland.

The issue is central in Haiti where hundreds of thousands have emigrated to flee poverty and the money they send to relatives back home is a vital source of income in the earthquakeravaged Caribbean nation.

Currently, Haitians who emigrate must renounce their Haitian citizenship if they become citizens of another country, making them unable to vote or run for office in their homeland. Jean himself left Haiti for New York City when he was nine, but never sought U.S. citizenship.

The former Fugees frontman told The Associated Press that his presidency would be a "bridge" between the Haitians abroad and those living in the country.

"The future is dual citizenship," he said, adding that many countries, including the neighboring Dominican Republic, allow citizens to hold two passports. send billions in remittances to family members.

"If they are the ones who keep this country alive, they should have some kind of say on what kind of government structure there is," the 40-year-old singer said.

Jean arrived in Haiti after giving a concert in Belgium. He said it might be one of his last performances for five years if elected.

The singer, who appeared relaxed and was wearing a blue Adidas track suit and headphones around his neck, spoke to AP at the main airport in Portau-Prince. He touched on issues of security, former Haitian President Jean Bertrand Aristide and on what being a celebrity has taught him about politics.

"Celebrity has taught me that politics is politricks," he said. "The fact that I'm coming with this with fresh eyes but not naive ears, I think that's a good start."

But he spent most of the interview discussing the Haitian Diaspora, concentrated mainly in Miami, New York, Paris and Montreal.

People in Haiti have long relied on family and friends abroad to make ends meet. Remittances are the main source of income in the country of more than 9 million people, 70 percent of whom are unemployed and 90 percent of whom live in poverty.

6 Iraqi forces killed as checkpoints attacked

BAGHDAD (AP)—Gunmen killed six Iraqi security personnel Saturday, including a pair of sleeping policemen who were shot and set on fire, amid persistent debate over whether Iraqi forces can protect the country as U.S. troops leave.

The early-morning shootings at Baghdad checkpoints demonstrated the insurgents' aim to weaken confidence in the government and aggravate sectarian tension as all but 50,000 U.S. troops head home by the end of August.

In the first attack, gunmen armed with silenced pistols killed two policemen asleep in their patrol car at a security checkpoint in the Shiite-dominated New Baghdad neighborhood, said an officer with the federal police in Baghdad. The assailants then set the car on fire and fled, he said.

A half-hour later, a drive-by shooting on a checkpoint killed two more policemen in the Amil area, another Shiite neighborhood, in southwest Baghdad, two other police officials said. Two passers-by were injured, they said.

Around the same time, gunmen attacked a checkpoint manned by government-backed Sunni fighters from groups known as Awakening Councils in the mostly Shiite Shaab district in the capital's northeast. One of the fighters was killed and two were injured, the police officials said.

It was not clear if the shootings were coordinated or carried out by the same attackers. Health workers at the Baghdad city morgue and two hospitals confirmed the casualties.

Hours later, a bomb attached to a policeman's personal car killed the driver and wounded two passengers, who were also policemen, officials said. The blast occurred outside Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown 80 miles (130 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

All authorities spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

As the number of U.S. soldiers dwindles at a rate of about 4,000 each week, insurgents have stepped up attacks on Iraqi security forces, demonstrating remaining vulnerabilities. Checkpoints continue to be an



In this Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010 photo, an Iraqi traffic policeman holds an AK-47 while directing traffic as a colleague talks on a radio in central Baghdad, Iraq.

easy target for gunmen, and traffic police—many of whom are unarmed—have also been slain in recent weeks.

Last year, President Barack Obama ordered all but 50,000 U.S. troops to leave Iraq by Aug. 31 as part of his campaign promise to end what he once termed "a dumb war." Under a security agreement between both nations, all U.S. troops are to be out of Iraq by the end of 2011.

But fears that Iraq's security forces won't be able to fend for themselves have been voiced more vocally as the end-ofthe-month deadline nears. This week, Gen. Babaker Shawkat Zebari, who commands Iraq's military, repeated his warning that his army may not be ready to defend the nation until 2020.

Babaker has said for months that it may be necessary for U.S. forces to remain in Iraq until his soldiers can take full control of security, but the timing of his statement this week was widely seen as a veiled plea for the American military to reconsider its departure.

citizens to hold two passports.

Haitians abroad "should have the right to vote in their country," especially since they

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Focus



In this combination of photos from various family and organizational sources, the ten civilian volunteers who were killed in Afghanistan on Thursday, Aug, 5, 2010, are shown. From top left, Glen D. Lapp, Tom Little, Dan Terry, Thomas Grams, Cheryl Beckett, Brian Carderelli, Karen Woo, Daniela Beyer, Mahram Ali, and Jawed.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—One of the gunmen who killed 10 charitable health workers in northern Afghanistan hitched a ride with the medical team shortly before the murders, the sole survivor of the attack told The Associated Press on Saturday.

"God was good to me," the team's surviving driver, Safiullah, said in an interview punctuated by long pauses and tears for his slain colleagues.

On Aug. 5, the day of the attack, the medical team stopped to give three men a lift—a common courtesy in the rugged, remote area. Soon after, 10 members of the International Assistance Mission—six Americans, three Afghans, one German and a Briton—lay dead.

It was a tragic finale to the team's more than two-week mission covering about 100 miles (160 kilometers)—much of it on foot and horseback—through the Hindu Kush mountains, giving vision and other medical care to impoverished villagers in Nuristan province.

Several times during the interview, 28-year-old Safiullah, clad in jeans and a dark green shirt, stopped to collect himself or wipe away tears that welled up in his eyes. He recounted how the team was rushed by gunmen shouting "Satellite! Satellite!"—a demand to surrender their phones. He explained how the attackers spared his life, then forced him to walk for hours through a forest before releasing him.

Safiullah, seated on gold cushions propped up on red carpeting at his home in Kabul, said

AP Exclusive

Afghan attack survivor tells story

the team picked up three pedestrians on their return trip back to Kabul. They climbed atop one of the three four-wheeled drive vehicles. After the team was stopped by a swollen river, two of the men went on their way. The third man "quickly disappeared," Safiullah said in his first media interview since he was released by Afghan authorities this week.

Team leader Dr. Tom Little, an optometrist from Delmar, New York, and another team member waded into the river with long sticks to find a shallow place for the vehicles to safely cross, he said. After successfully crossing, the team stopped to ready themselves for their long trip back through Badakhshan province and onto the Afghan capital.

Then came the attack.

Among the 10 gunmen was the third pedestrian who had a patchy beard, Safiullah said, touching three parts of his own face to describe the only places where the man's facial hair grew.

One gunman shot Little after hitting him in the head with the back of an AK-47 rifle. Another threw a grenade at one of the vehicles, killing two female members of the team who were hiding inside. Then they shot the team's Afghan cook, who had used luggage to barricade

himself under the car that was attacked and burned, Safiullah said.

The attackers then murdered the rest of the group—except Safiullah, who raised his arms in the air and recited verses from the Islamic holy book Quran as he begged the gunmen for his life.

Safiullah speculated the gunmen might have shot the team's Afghan cook, who was lying under the vehicle because they thought he might have had a satellite phone. Safiullah said they might have killed a second Afghan, a guard employed at International Assistance Mission since 2007, because he was wearing a head scarf wrapped in a style that made him look like a bodyguard.

After the killings, the gunmen loaded Safiullah with weapons and luggage and took him with them on a seven- or eight-hour walk through a forest.

The attackers took his wedding ring and \$50 in cash from his pocket, but Safiullah said the gunmen were not local thieves.

"They had made a plan," Safiullah said. "It was a very organized group. They had leadership. They were well-organized. They were militants."

Safiullah said he believed the commander—a man he described as a "tyrant with a cruel face"—was Pakistani because he yelled "Jaldee! Jaldee!"—a word used in several regional languages that means "hurry up." It is more commonly used in Pakistan and India than Afghanistan.

Safiullah said he believed the rest of the gunmen were from Nuristan province because while they understood Dari and Pashto, the two main languages spoken in Afghanistan, they conversed in Pashaye, a local dialect used only in parts of the northeast corner of the nation where the attack occurred.

He said the gunmen were physically fit. He recalled that one, a tall pale-faced man, wore commandostyle garb. Another, he said, was clad in yellow Afghan-style clothing.

"If it's 100 years later and I see them, I'll know them," he said.

Were the attackers linked with the Taliban, which claimed responsibility, or with the Hizb-i-Islami group that operates in the area under the leadership of warlord and former Afghan Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar?

"What is different between Hizb-i-Islami and the Taliban?" he asked. "Both are killers."

Asked if planned to go back to work for the mission, Safiullah paused in silence and struggled to answer.

Safiullah's father, Mohammad Rahim, who worked for International Assistance Mission in the past and knew Little for 30 years, said Little was the foundation of the Christian organization. "It will take a while for IAM to stand on its feet," he said.

Safiullah, who lives in a neighborhood where goats mingle with schoolchildren as they head home from class, said he knows he needs work, but confessed he wasn't sleeping at night. He said he asked police investigators not to release videotape of his questioning because he feared for his life.

"Psychologically, I am not well," he said, lowering his eyes.

"My concern is about my life," he said, adding he planned to leave Kabul at least temporarily to try to get over the ordeal. "I'm not feeling safe."

During his trek with the gunmen, the group began

walking toward a flashing light, he said. There, they met up with another group that seemed to know the attackers. They asked Safiullah if he was a Muslim, his father's name, how many children he had and why he worked for foreigners.

"I have children and have to feed my family," said Safiullah, who has a wife, three sons and one daughter.

Before they let him go, the gunmen warned Safiullah to never work again for foreigners, the Afghan government or join the Afghan National Army.

One of the gunmen kicked him so hard that he fell down. Even though they told him to leave, Safiullah said he feared they would hunt him down and kill him. Still, he took off running in shoes with worn soles. Safiullah said he was exhausted from the ordeal and had not eaten in two days. He rested by a large rock and then met up with a shepherd. The older man, who let Safiullah briefly ride on a donkey, took him to his house in Naw village.

By then, Afghan authorities were investigating the crime. Police came to the village and took him back to the scene of the killings.

Saffullah said he helped police load the bodies into the two four-wheeled drive vehicles that still could be driven.

Flooding forced the party to spend the night in another village before they could escort the bodies to Kuran Wa Munjan district of Nuristan province where they were flown by helicopter back to Kabul, Safiullah said.

"In the history of my life," he said. "I will never forget this."

If it's 100 years later and I see them, I'll know them.

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Health & Fitness

Acclimatizing, hydration are keys to working out in the heat

By CHRISTY ROBINSON THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Triple-digit temperatures and sauna-thick humidity are facts of life in some places. But it's a myth that you have to limit your outdoor pursuits because of them. Athletes of all levels have learned to embrace the hottest hours of summer, like those who are training right now for Texas's White Rock Marathon in December.

"For some of our runners, our Saturday morning runs are the only mornings they've run the entire week," says Luke's Locker footwear specialist Chris Greene, who's also a halfmarathon coach for Luke's Fit program. "Many run after work, the hottest time of the day."

Those runners are acclimatized, which is the first step for getting used to the heat.

How to acclimatize

Acclimatization simply means

ratcheting down your outdoor workout to a lower, sustained effort for at least five days to a couple of weeks, incrementally building up your heat tolerance, says cardiologist Benjamin Levine, director of the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine, which is a collaboration between the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.

Bike slower than normal. Walk if you normally jog. Jog a shorter distance than you typically run. Keep your body temperature down by taking a lot of breaks in the shade.

"It's amazing how well the body learns to acclimatize. But at first, it's dangerous," Levine says. "The more intense and harder the exercise, the greater amount of heat is generated."

Which means there are precautions to take during this heat boot-camp period. Any time



you feel light-headed or extra fatigued, pause and seek shade until you cool off, he says. Repeat as needed until you build up tolerance to the heat.

This goes for even the fittest athletes. Ultra runner Christine Tokarz of Pottsboro, Texas, went toe-to-toe with the state's heat for the first time during a race last year in Pedernales Falls State Park.

"I was a total novice at summer running in Texas. At seven miles, my legs felt like total tree trunks and I couldn't see straight," says Tokarz, executive director of All Saints Camp and Conference Center on Lake Texoma.

Now that she's acclimatized, Tokarz loves running in the heat. She says it makes her feel like she's getting a thorough workout, numbers, Levine says.

plus it helps condition her body for races in higher altitudes.

Acclimatized or not, it's smarter to choose the treadmill over the trail if the weather gets extreme.

"Let's say for example, it's 105 degrees outside and humid. How are you ever going to cool down?" Levine says.

Hydrate

Important to keeping your body from overheating is hydration. Recommendations for daily fluid intake abound, starting at 64 ounces to double that. But don't drive yourself crazy with guideline is that it's fine for the average person, but it really fails most people," he says.

Everyone's needs are different. Choose a guideline, "play" with it and learn what works best for you individually, he says.

Just don't go hydration-crazy. In 2007 the American College of Sports Medicine changed its previous stand, which said to drink all the water you possibly can during a workout. It now warns that too much water can cause a sodium imbalance in the body.

"Athletes need to listen to their thirst. One of the biggest myths is that thirst is not a guide," Levine says. "If you drink a lot when you're not thirsty ... you can overhydrate. Yes, you can get dehydrated before you become thirsty, but not dangerously so."

Levine recommends the sweat rate test to track how much fluid to replace during a workout: Weigh yourself without clothes before and after an hourlong workout; add the amount of any fluid you drank from your weight loss difference. That's the amount of fluid you lost through sweat.

You'll have to repeat the test for different conditions, such as change of season or time of day. Also note that as you become acclimatized to the heat, you will sweat even more.

Personal Trainer

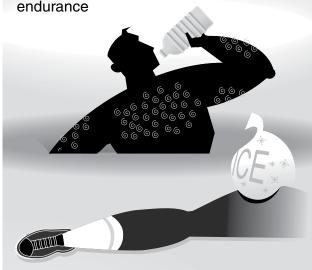
Cool-off gives a slight edge

"Precooling" has been studied as a way of slowing the body's gradual warming during exercise, especially in hot, humid weather.



Precooling strategy

Reduce body temperature before exercise; person can exercise longer before overheating starts to limit strength,



Some techniques

Have been used in physiological studies:

- Drinking cool liquid
- Improvised "ice vest"
- Cold compresses on thigh muscles
- Exposure to cold air, 32°-41°F (0°-5°C)
- Immersion in cool water, 75°F (24°C), or swimming in cold water, 60°F (15°C)

20-minute rewarming before exercise increases

comfort, reduces shivering

Does it work?

Only helps in 30- to 40-minute endurance exercise, a new Australian study found; no benefit in intermittent or short-duration exercise

Risk of too much cooling

When core body temperature drops below 95°F (35°C), "cold stress" begins to affect central nervous system; below that, hypothermia begins

People planning to exercise vigorously should first get the advice of a physician

Source: British Journal of Sports Medicine © 2010 MCT Graphic: Paul Trap



UK's breast cancer deaths dropped most in Europe LONDON (AP)—The rate at

which women died from breast cancer dropped faster in Britain than in any other major European country during the last two decades, according to new research.

In previous studies, Britain has often ranked last among Western Europe for cancer survival rates. The U.K. does not spend as much money on new cancer drugs or other treatments as other countries including France and Germany.

In a study published online in the medical journal BMJ, European researchers analyzed data from the World Health Organization, looking for changes in the breast cancer death rates in 30 European countries from 1980 to 2006.

Among countries including France, Finland and Sweden, the death rate from breast cancer dropped by 10 to 16 percent. In the U.K., it fell by more than 30 percent. The authors said the decreasing death rates could be due to wider breast cancer screening and more targeted treatments.

In an accompanying com- rates appear valid.

mentary, Valerie Beral and Richard Peto of the University of Oxford wrote that incomplete records may have led to previously "misleading claims about the supposed inferiority of U.K. cancer treatment."

Because cancer registration isn't mandatory in the U.K., many cancer patients may only be picked up shortly before they die, giving the impression they only survive for a short time. Beral and Peto said the rapid drops in Britain's cancer death

Poultry fingered as No. 1 food poisoning culprit

mer? Be careful. Poultry is still the leading culprit in food poisoning outbreaks, health officials said Thursday.

Chicken, turkey and other poultry accounted for 17 percent of the food-borne illness outbreaks reported to the government. Beef and leafy vegetables were close behind, at 16 percent and 14 percent.

The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention covers outbreaks in 2007. Poultry was also the No. 1 source of outbreaks in 2006.

Salmonella and other kinds of bacteria caused about half

ATLANTA (AP)—Cooking of the outbreaks, the CDC said. Chicken on the grill this sumabout 40 percent, mushroom toxin or other chemical agents were blamed for 7 percent. Parasites accounted for 1 percent.

> Several things can cause an outbreak. For example, an infected person might contaminate the food while handling it. A contaminated food may be left out a room temperature for hours, allowing bacteria to multiply. It may not be cooked enough to kill the bacteria.

The CCD counted more than 21,000 illnesses in about 1,100 outbreaks in 48 states and Puerto Rico. There were 18 deaths from food poisoning.

It's far from a complete picture, however. Experts estimates that only about 5 percent of people who get food poisoning are part of a recognized outbreak, which is a cluster of two or more cases.

"It's just the tip of the iceberg," said Michael Doyle, head of the University of Georgia's food safety center.

An estimated 87 million cases of food-borne illness occur in the United States each year, including 371,000 hospitalizations and 5,700 deaths, according to an Associated Press calculation that combines a CDC formula with recent population estimates.

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Life & Style

HOLT, England (AP)—He's Britain's most talked-about young artist. His paintings fetch hefty sums and there's a long waiting list for his eagerly anticipated new works.

It has all happened so quickly—he's still getting used to the spotlight—and Kieron Williamson fidgets a little when he's asked to share his thoughts on art.

"Cows are the easiest thing to paint," said Kieron, who has just turned 8. "You don't have to worry about doing so much detail."

Horses, he says, are "a lot harder. You have to get their legs right, and you have to make their back legs much bigger than their front.'

Paintbrush prodigy Kieron dubbed "mini Monet" by the British press-is a global sensation. All 33 of the pastels, watercolors and oil paintings in his latest exhibition sold, within half an hour, for a total of 150,000 pounds (\$235,000). Buyers from as far away as the United States lined up overnight outside the gallery, and there is a 3,000-strong waiting list for his impressionistic landscapes of boat-dotted estuaries, snowy fields and wide marshland skies.

He has a website and a busi-

to his parents, Keith and Michelle Williamson. They are bemused, proud and a little anxious about their son's talent and its effects.

"It has been overwhelming," said Michelle Williamson, a 37-year-old nutritional therapist. She and her 44-year-old art dealer husband live in a small apartment with Kieron and his 6-year-old sister, Billie-Jo.

Kieron was a normal, energetic little boy, and his parents were surprised when he asked for pencils and paper during a holiday in Cornwall two years ago. They were astonished when the then-5-year-old produced an accomplished picture of boats in a harbor. He progressed rapidly to fully realized landscapes, many depicting the flat, open Norfolk countryside near their home.

"Keith and I don't paint, so we find it difficult to know what's going on inside his head," Michelle said.

"We don't understand it. We don't know where it comes from. But he's adamant it's what he wants to do. When your child has got such a gift and a talent, you have to support him."

That hasn't stopped the Williamsons worrying about whether they are doing the right thing in exposing him to so



In this Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010 Kieron Williamson, an eight-year-old painting prodigy holds one of his paintings in Holt, Norfolk in England. He's Britain's most talked-about young artist. His paintings sell for thousands of dollars and there's a long waiting list for his eagerly came back from Holkham and we couldn't get fish and chips because there was a line going from the fish and chip shop to the car park."

When he starts to draw, with a confident, relaxed fluidity, all childishness disappears. Working from a photograph of a river at sunrise, Kieron swiftly sketches the horizon, the mounds of trees and the line of the river, then uses pastels to color the yellowy pink of the sky.

His parents are happy for people to watch him work—it disproves any suspicions that the paintings are not his own.

They encountered that kind of skepticism at first, though Michelle Williamson says it has abated.

Critical opinion on Kieron's work is divided. One newspaper headline asked, "Is Kieron Britain's most exciting painter?" But others have wondered whether Kieron's paintings would be so well-regarded if he were an adult, and asked if his talent will endure.

The precedents are mixed. Pablo Picasso famously said that unlike in music, "there are no child prodigies in painting. What people regard as premature genius is the genius of childhood. It gradually disap-

"Most brilliant 8-year-old pianists or footballers don't maintain it into adulthood," said Jack Boyle, a Glasgow-based child psychologist.

He advises the Williamsons not to worry too much. Kieron's talent is unlikely to do him any harm.

"Children like being successful and they like being the best," Boyle said. "My advice? Take the money and run. Milk it for every penny, but don't harm the child in the process.

"Develop his other interests—and sell as many of the paintings as you can."

At the moment, Michelle Williamson is looking forward to the start of the school year in September, when exhibitions and interviews will be replaced by homework and normal childhood routines.

The gallery is offering two new landscapes—Kieron's last work as a 7-year-old and his first as an 8-year-old—by an online auction that closes Aug. 20. A new exhibition is planned for next summer.

Michelle Williamson says she and her husband won't be disappointed if Kieron one day stops painting, as long as he is happy.

"We fully expect Kieron to change his mind," she said.

8-year-old painting prodigy is new art world star

ness card. Strangers approach much attention. They showed him at the gallery, asking him to sign postcards of his work. Journalists from around the world travel to his small home town in eastern England to interview him.

Kieron shrugs off the attention. "It feels normal to me,"

It definitely doesn't feel normal

Kieron's work to a local gallery, which has mounted two exhibitions and is helping them cope with the flood of global interest.

"It's not a natural thing to want to put your kid in the media spotlight," Michelle said.

"We've met so many sharks." All they see is the financial element. They don't see the emotional stuff. You can't separate town 125 miles (200 kilomethe art from Kieron."

A self-possessed blond boy, dressed in a polo shirt, shorts and sneakers, Kieron doesn't seem like a hothouse prodigy.

He likes soccer—he plays defense for a school team—and messing around on the broad North Sea beaches near his home in Holt, a pretty Georgian

ters) northeast of London.

When he talks about his work, it's with a striking mix of the adult and the childlike. He can discuss his color choices and the interplay of light and dark, but also remembers more idiosyncratic details.

"This," he said, pointing at one landscape, "is when we pears as they get older."

Picasso himself was a child prodigy, however, who went on to revolutionize art. The 19thcentury English artist John Everett Millais was made a member of the Royal Academy at 11.

But for every Millais—or Mozart—there are many prodigies whose gifts do not survive puberty.

"But we know that whatever he ends up doing, Kieron is going to give it 200 percent."

Kieron says he knows what he wants to be when he grows up—"painter and footballer."

And he is willing to offer advice for other aspiring artists.

"Never give up. Try and keep your buildings straight. And don't do a plain blue sky."

MARY ELIZABETH WINSTEAD

The face that inspired Scott Pilgrim, and seven evil exes

By ROGER MOORE

She has the face (beautiful, unsmiling) and the hairdo (magenta to blue) that launched a thousand fights. OK, brawls—cartoonish, video-gamey,

And truthfully, there are only seven brawls, the "seven evil exes" whom Scott Pilgrim must battle to win her in "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World."

And Mary Elizabeth Winstead, who plays Ramona, gets that.

"I dated some guys as a teenager who maybe went a little far, doing crazy things to win my affection," she says with a laugh. "But my mature relationships haven't been anything to write a comic book about."

Winstead, 25, acknowledges that "it's a bit daunting to step into the shoes of a character described as 'aloof, mysterious and beautiful,' a character who already has a lot of fans thanks to the (Bryan Lee O'Malley comic) books. A

lot of people have very specific ideas Internet fan universe (Cinemablend). in their heads about what she should

It was also really challenging to play somebody so aloof and mysterious that you never know what she's feeling. How do you portray emotion without actually letting on what you're feeling inside? She is feeling guilt, fear, doubt, all these things she chooses to keep bottled up inside.'

Ramona, Winstead says, "is not someone who's trying to be attractive. She just is. She's a sad girl who has a troubled past and is this wounded person who is trying to keep this cold exterior. I just had to hope there was something alluring to that.'

Mission accomplished. The native of Rocky Mount, N.C., has a face that hints at the family tree she comes from, the same one that produced actress Ava Gardner.

One of the few criticisms of her new film, which is winning "generational milestone" praise from the

is that Michael Cera's Scott Pilgrim "hardly seems worthy of Winstead's Ramona" (New York Magazine), thanks to her lovely and "soulful" (Slant magazine) presence.

"I see very little of myself when I look at that woman on the screen, Winstead says. "I present myself in the opposite way. I kind of want people to like me. When I was playing her, I tapped into her annoyance about what it is like to have a lot of people making a fuss over you for no reason. You feel like disappearing, because people are fighting over you or whatever and not even asking you what you want. You feel less important, which is odd. But anybody can identify with breaking out of being that objectified girl. She's frustrated because she wants to be her own person."

To that end, director Edgar Wright ("Shaun of the Dead") gave Winstead one very specific instruction.

"Ramona NEVER smiles. VERY



In this film publicity image released by Universal Pictures, Michael Cera, left. and Mary Elizabeth Winstead are shown in a scene from "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World".

calculated on Edgar Wright's part. earlier beaus. There was one scene where Sex Bobomb (Scott Pilgrim's band) is playing where Edgar comes up to me and says, 'It's OK to let out a tiny smile here.' Oh my God, I can SMILE?""

In the film, would-be suitor Scott must literally battle Ramona's past every other guy she has ever dated to win her. He dismisses his current girlfriend the way she dismissed her

"So I can understand Ramona's evil exes (played by the likes of Chris Evans and Jason Schwartzman). She's been like Scott Pilgrim, treating her ex-boyfriend the way Scott treats his girlfriend—selfishly. Through Scott, she realizes she's not been that nice in the past, and through her, I think Scott sees how his behavior in a relationship looks."

Lindsay Lohan's mother says actress will move East



In this photo provided by NBC Universal, co-host Matt Lauer talks with Dina Lohan on NBC's "Today" show, in New York, on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010.

NEW YORK (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's mom says the actress will be moving away from California and back to New York after she gets out of drug rehabilitation.

Dina Lohan, during an often tense interview with NBC "Today" show co-host Matt Lauer on Friday, said her daughter was doing "wonderfully" after 14 days in jail and lashed out at California Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel, who put the actress there.

"She's great," Lohan said. "She's been through a lot. The judge played hardball. Lindsay was in with alleged murderers and she's become friends with a lot of them. Lindsay rolled with the punches and she's doing wonderfully."

Lindsay Lohan served 14 days of a

90-day jail sentence for violating her probation in a 2007 drug case. She was sent to a UCLA drug rehab facility for a court-mandated three-month treatment, and her mother said she'd be out soon.

Revel removed herself from Lohan's case earlier this week after a prosecutor complained she improperly contacted experts or participants in the case.

Lauer prodded Lohan, noting that there were some observers who thought the 24-year-old actress had this coming to her because of bad behavior.

"I think that's all propaganda and what people are reading," she told him. "As you know, you're in the business of entertainment, so I think a lot of it is pre-orchestrated and you're reading things that are not based on fact."

Lauer also asked her about a be-

lief that her daughter was not wellserved by those around her, including her parents.

"As a parent, you have to let her go a little bit," she said. "When she went out to Los Angeles when she was 19, I had to let her go and let her live and fall and fail and survive. Without failure, there's no success. I was there in close proximity, but you can't make your child not go out and go to a club and not get behind the wheel of a car. I certainly don't condone any of that behavior."

"They're gonna do what they're gonna do when they turn 18, 19," Lohan said. "... And you kind of lose a little power and control, which you want to do for your child. You want to let them go. Without failure, there's no success."

Said Lauer: "You're confident she'll come through it?"

"She's already through it," Lohan said. Michael Lohan said in an interview Friday on CBS' "The Early Show" that his ex-wife should be out of their daughter's career "and I shouldn't be any part of her career. I never was. I never was a manager or anything."

"I tried to do my best as a father. I made my mistakes. I wound up in jail. ... Lindsay certainly paid a price for that," he said. "... But it's time to put everything aside. I thought Dina did that. But, obviously, you know, we have some work to do ourselves

on this "

Dina Lohan said she had put her daughter in drug rehab the first time, and argued with Lauer over how many times Lindsay had been in drug treatment.

She said her daughter's life has been under a microscope because of tabloid interest.

"You can't blame it all on the tabloids," Lauer said. "She's made some wrong decisions."

Lohan said Lindsay will be coming to New York. California is "a wonderful state," she said, but "it's a different game you play there, the court system is a little different."

Doctor: Anna Nicole Smith medication 'overkill

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A hospital psychiatrist testified Friday that medication given to Anna Nicole Smith by a doctor now on trial was "overkill" for the kind of pain she was describing.

Dr. Nathalie Maullin said she believed Smith had "a borderline personality disorder" and was addicted to prescription medications.

Maullin said she was on staff at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in April 2006 when Smith was brought in pregnant and in withdrawal from antianxiety drug Xanax and the pain killer Methadone. The celebrity model told her she had gone "cold turkey," discontinuing her medications all at once because she was concerned for the welfare of her expected baby.

By doing that, Maullin said, she had actually endangered the baby and herself. The doctor said she quickly resumed her medication with Methadone and began weaning her off Xanax, both of which had been prescribed by Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, a defendant in the drug conspiracy case.

"My thoughts were these were very hard core medications to be giving for the kind of pain she was demonstrating," said Maullin. "She was on medication that seemed like overkill for the type of pain she was in."

She said it was difficult to get a medical history from Smith because she was "putting on a show" and was deferring questions to her lawyer-boyfriend, Howard K. Stern, who was with her at all times.

Kapoor, Stern and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to provide excessive opiates and sedatives to Smith. They are also charged with prescribing drugs to an addict, but are not charged with causing her 2007 overdose death.

Maullin said Stern told her Smith had been suffering from back pain for five years. She said the former Playboy model also complained of pain in her upper back and arm.

Another doctor who testified earlier this week said Smith suffered from chronic pain syndrome all over her body.

Maullin said she conferred with Kapoor by phone, gave him her plan for weaning Smith off Xanax and any drugs known as benzodiazopines which can be addictive. She said he agreed and told her he would leave the prescribing of Methadone to her.

"Did you see any pain that needed treatment with opiates?" asked the prosecutor.

"No," Maullin said.

The problem was that Smith showed no enthusiasm for the plan, the doctor said.

"It was like pulling teeth to get some response from her," she said. "She was compliant but not really interested. She was not wholehearted."

Five days after Smith checked in to the hospital, Maullin said she received a page at midnight from a nurse that said Smith's eyes had rolled back in her head.

That sounded like a drug reaction and a one-time dose of Benadryl was prescribed, Maullin said. However, the next day, she received another call saying Smith was having hallucinations.

"The nurse said that she was flossing her teeth with no floss and was out of it," Maullin said. "This was a radical change."

Under questioning by Deputy District Attorney David Barkhurst, Maullin said she did not consider this an emergency and she tended to other patients before going to see Smith five hours later.

"In psychiatry, we are used to seeing patients do strange things," she said.

Upon her arrival, Stern told Maullin that Smith "was generally acting goofy." Smith was angry and made no eye contact but seemed lucid, Maullin said.

'Toy Story 3' is highest-grossing animated film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Toy Story 3" is now the highest-grossing animated film of all time.

The third movie in the Pixar series about cowboy Woody, space ranger Buzz Lightyear and the toys' owner, Andy, has crossed more than \$920 million at box offices worldwide since opening June 18, according to Disney.

That means it edged out Dream-Works Animation SKG Inc.'s "Shrek 2" to attain the top spot.

The movie also ranks as Disney's fourth highest-grossing film of all time.

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Its top grossers are "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) at \$1.07 billion, "Alice in Wonderland" (2010) at \$1.02 billion, and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007) at \$961 million.

Pixar introduced the "Toy Story" characters in 1995 and the movies have made more money with each incarnation.

The first in the series grossed \$362 million, and the second \$485 million, according to Box Office Mojo.

The Walt Disney Co. bought Pixar for \$7.4 billion in stock in January

A performer dressed as Buzz Lightyear, a character from the film Toy Story 3, poses for a photograph with fans at the British premiere of the animation in Leicester Square, London, Sunday, July



Redmond O'Neal completes drug diversion program

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Redmond O'Neal, the son of the late Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal, has successfully completed a drug diversion program.

O'Neal's graduation from the treatment program on Thursday led to the dismissal of two felony drug-related cases, district attorney spokeswoman Jane Robison said.

The 25-year-old will remain on probation for another two years for a case in which he brought drugs to a jail facility.

"Redmond put his nose to the grindstone and completed a very vigorous drug court program," his attorney, Richard F. Pintal said Friday. "In the wake of that, he earned the two dismissals from Judge (Michael) Tynan."

The younger O'Neal has remained out of trouble since he was jailed for a probation violation in January. Tynan placed him in a drug diversion program a month later that the judge said would be "justifiably" severe.

Among the charges dismissed Thursday was a case filed after sheriff's deputies found drugs at Ryan O'Neal's home in 2008 while his son was on probation.

Hole in one!

Obama's daughter has lucky stroke

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Sasha Obama is proving that the president isn't the only golfer in the family.

On a family trip to a miniature golf course, 9-year-old Sasha hit a hole-in-one in front of the watchful eye of the media, and much to the delight of her father, an avid golfer. The president gave Sasha a high-five, and declared her stroke, "unbelievable."

The president followed up by making par with his two shots on the first hole.

The Obamas are in the Florida Panhandle on a quick weekend trip that the president hopes will jump-start the region's tourism industry, which has suffered following the Gulf oil spill.

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama react as their daughter Sasha gets a hole-in-one on the first hole as they play miniature golf at Pirate's Island Golf in Panama City Beach, Fla, Saturday, Aug. 14,

Rapper Foxy Brown indicted for NY court violation

NEW YORK (AP)—Rapper Foxy Brown has been indicted on charges of violating an order of protection stemming from a 2007 confrontation with her neighbor in New York City.

Prosecutors say Brown violated the order in July by screaming at neighbor Arlene Raymond before bending over, baring her buttocks at Raymond and showing her underwear while shouting an obscenity.

The 31-year-old Brown was issued the order of protection after pleading guilty in 2008 to menacing Raymond with her cell phone.

The two had been in a dispute over Brown blasting her car stereo outside their Brooklvn building.

The indictment announced Friday charges Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, with criminal contempt in the second degree. She could face up to one year in jail.

A lawyer for Brown did not immediately respond to a request for comment.



has 2 blood clots removed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor's publicist says the actress has had two blood clots removed at a Los Angeles hospital.

Publicist John Blanchette says doctors at UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center on Saturday removed the clots, the result of complications from a broken hip.

He said the 93-year-old Gabor was resting comfortably and was expected to go home either Monday or Tuesday.

Gabor was hospitalized Friday afternoon because she was

She has been recuperating from a broken hip suffered on July 17. She had hip replacement surgery the hospital Wednesday.

Publicist: Zsa Zsa Gabor

bleeding and in a lot of pain.

and had just returned home from Blanchette said Saturday was Gabor's 24th wedding anniver-

sary with husband Prince Frederic von Anhalt, and the two were unable to have their traditional ice cream celebration.

Mom resents lack of support for sons' college expenses

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: When my two boys were young, I agreed to a reduction in child support payments with the understanding that my ex would help later with their college tuition. This was not put in writing.

Now both my boys are in college and their father is refusing to help. When I asked him to at least help with the costs of their books, he said, "That's what child support was for." I guess



I should have seen this coming, as he has been cruel and unreasonable toward me for the past 22 years.

What's more hurtful is my sons have adopted their father's attitudes. They have told me their child support should have been saved for college. I always put my children first and feel that all the hours I have worked to pay for college means nothing to them. Have you any advice for me?

UNAPPRECIATED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: Yes. Your first mistake was not getting the agreement with your ex in writing. The second is in continuing to foot the entire bill for your sons' college education. It's time they applied for scholarships, student loans and part-time jobs. Close your checkbook and make an appointment with a lawyer, because your ex may not be off the hook regarding paying for the boys' education to the extent that he thinks he is.

DEAR ABBY: "Chad" and I have been married for six years. While we were dating, I asked him if he was done being in a band and in the club scene. He said yes.

My dilemma is he has now been asked to be in a band, and he wants to do it. He told me he won't accept the offer if I don't want him to, because the issue was important to me when I was considering marrying him. Now I find out he has been telling me one thing and the band guys another. He is planning to join.

Am I wrong to be livid about this? I know he enjoys playing, which is why he was drumming at church. But why join a band now? Abby, he's 45! I'm upset but don't know if I'm justified in being so.

NOT A BAND WIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR NOT A BAND WIFE: You are upset because you know your husband hasn't been truthful with you—telling you one thing and his prospective band mates another. Also, the role of "band wife" is one you specifically wanted to avoid.

Not knowing Chad, I don't know whether he loves music or enjoys being in the spotlight. That's not something that fades with age. Because you can't stop him, be a sport and let him shine. If he's good, enjoy the extra income. If he's not, this gig won't be forever.

DEAR ABBY: I am an only child who was very close to both my parents. When my son was born, he completed our happy circle. When Mom died unexpectedly early this year, it was a painful shock. Life hasn't been the same without Mama here.

One afternoon, I was missing my mom and prayed for a sign hat she was still watching over us. The next morning in church, she was still on my mind. During the sermon I quickly wrote a check for the offering, but didn't rip it out. I then placed my checkbook down next to me.

When the ushers began passing the plate later in the service I reached for my checkbook. A shiny new dime was sitting on top of it! It was my sign from Mama telling me that yes, she's watching over me and my son and continues to be part of our lives.

PAM IN OHIO

DEAR PAM: Of course she does. Not even death can break a loving mother-and-daughter bond. It's touching that she let you know that in church, a place that must have held special meaning for both of you.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Young 'Lion King' thespian getting crucial surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — An 11-year-old girl who played young Nala in "The Lion King" on Broadway will get a potentially lifesaving procedure. Shannon Tavarez has leukemia and will get an umbilical-cord blood transplant on Tuesday. It's used as an alternative to treat the disease when a perfect bone marrow match can't be found. Her mother, Odiney Brown, tells the New York Post she's praying it will work. The actress was forced to quit the show in April. Cast members held a bone marrow donor registration drive for her last month.

US senator, 86, to hold fundraiser with Lady

TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — The oldest U.S. senator will hold a fundraiser at pop singer Lady Gaga's Monster Ball Tour at the Verizon Center in Washington on Sept 7. The Washington Post reports that 86-year-old Sen. Frank Lautenberg is offering seats in a private suite for \$2,500 a person for political action committees and \$2,400 for individuals. An aide says the fundraiser was Lautenberg's idea. The New Jersey Democrat and his wife celebrated his 86th birthday in January at a Gaga show at New York's Radio City Music Hall. Lautenberg was hospitalized Feb. 15 after falling at his home and was treated for a bleeding

ulcer. B-cell lymphoma was found in his stomach four days later. He announced in June he was cancer-free after six rounds of chemotherapy.

'FarmVille' maker hires ex-MySpace CEO Van

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zynga, the maker of popular social networking game "FarmVille," has hired former MySpace CEO Owen Van Natta as its executive vice president of business operations. Van Natta, also a former chief revenue officer for Facebook, starts Monday. He'll also have a seat on the board of directors of the fast-growing startup. The board now has five members. Van Natta left MySpace in February after 10 months on the job after conflicting with parent News Corp.'s chief digital officer Jonathan Miller. He joins a privately held company that is seeing explosive growth. According to tracking firm Developer Analytics, Zynga has 367 million users a month on 48 of its applications. Zynga is also responsible for the top three applications on Facebook, "FarmVille," "Frontier-Ville," and "Zynga Poker."

Minute's silence at Swiss parade for **Duisburg dead**

GENEVA (AP)—Revelers at Zurich's annual 'Street Parade' festival have observed a minute's silence for the victims of a fatal stampede at a techno event in Germany last month. Organizers stopped the floats and turned off the music at precisely 5 p.m. (1500 GMT) to honor the 21 people crushed to death at the Love Parade festival in the western German city of Duisburg on July 24. The incident prompted organizers in Zurich to take extra security measures such as clearing obstacles and banning floats from using special effects at this year's Street Parade. Spokesman Stefan Epli said Saturday that 650,000 visitors attended the open-air dance party in the Swiss city.

Pokemon championships being held in Hawaii

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP)—The Pokemon World Championships are being held on Hawaii's Big Island this weekend. Hundreds of players from around the world qualified to play in the Kona championship, which includes competitions in both its trading card and video game versions. The game originally gained popularity after its creation in 1996. Since then, it sold more than 200 million video games, spurred a TV show that's now in its 13th season and produced more than 14 billion trading cards.

Green Day teams with Gang Green in Jets' opener

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Gang Green and Green Day are ready to play together. The New York Jets said Friday

the band will play during their

regular-season opener Sept. 13. The Jets face the Baltimore Ravens in the Monday night game at New Meadowlands Stadium. Green Day will perform "Last of the American Girls" with the Broadway cast of the Tony Award-winning rock musical "American Idiot." The halftime show will finish with fireworks. The guitarist Slash and Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger will play during a tailgate concert outside the stadium. Scherzinger will sing the national anthem.

Rapper Juvenile pleads guilty in La. drug case CHALMETTE, La. (AP)-

New Orleans rapper Juvenile has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge in Louisiana. The St. Bernard Parish sheriff's office says the 34-year-old, whose real name is Terius Gray, entered the plea Thursday. The rapper and an aquaintance were arrested Feb. 25. He received a suspended sentence of three months in jail and must serve six months probation and pay a \$250 fine and court costs. Juvenile, best known for the song "Back That Thing Up," has been arrested at least four times on charges ranging from failure to pay child support to resisting an officer at a Florida mall in 1999. Most of the charges have been dismissed. In 2003, he was sentenced to 75 hours of community service for hitting a man on the head with a

champagne bottle.

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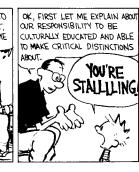
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Sweet?

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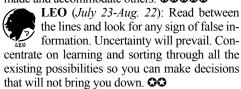
work need your attention. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keeping an open mind and a watchful eye will

help you get ahead. A pragmatic approach to work and dealing with co-workers will help you understand what everyone around you is up against. Short business trips will give you a push in the right direction. Pace your day and everything will fit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lay your cards on the table. Once everyone understands where you are coming from and what you are trying to accomplish, you can get the help you need to be successful. Love is high-

lighted. OOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have to watch what you say and do at home and with family. Emotions will be running high, so put in extra effort, listen to the concerns being made and accommodate others.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Favors will be granted if you have your plans well laid out for everyone with potential to contribute. A proactive, progressive approach to whatever you do will bring good results. Don't sit around pondering—just do it. 2000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get all bent out of shape if someone doesn't want to do the same things you do. Plan to go it alone if you must. You stand to make new friends who will enrich your life. Added responsibilities at work will lead to perks that are worth your while. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid emotional conversations with partners or family members who aren't likely to be rational. Focus on your own interests and creative endeavors. Trying to push others will be futile. However, a little pampering can't hurt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Behind the scenes activity will bring the greatest rewards. Don't overanalyze a situation you face regarding learning, publishing or travel. A change may appear negative but in time it will turn in your favor.

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take what others say to heart; favor your own plan over what someone else wants you to do. Travel should be postponed until you are in a better position to learn from the experience. Being ready is half the battle. ••••

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let someone else run the shows a know exactly what needs to be done to be successful. There is money heading your way and the chance to change your life if you don't let your emotions get the better of you. 😂

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful not to let your heart rule your head. A problem between a personal and a professional partner you have will surface. Don't take sides or you will lose. Step back and let everyone

Birthday Baby: You possess charisma, character and charm. You are articulate, caring, familyoriented and dedicated to your beliefs.

fight his or her own battles. ••••

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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WONDERWORD

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell

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Watney in front, but PGA is up for grabs



SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP)— The only number that matters at the PGA Championship is on the scorecard, not the birth certificate.

Golf has been trending toward

youth over the past several years, and on a Saturday at Whistling Straits, the final major of the year turned out to be a showcase of the next generation.

Leading the way was Nick Watney, whose college friends called him "Rube" after a character in "Major League II" because he was so polite to the seniors. He showed no mercy to Whistling Straits by firing off five birdies in the opening seven holes, leading the 29-year-old American to a 6-under 66 and a three-shot lead.

Right behind were 26-year-old Dustin Johnson and 21-year-old Rory McIlroy, two of the most talented young players on either side of the Atlantic. Both of them left their marks in the majors already this year, Johnson as the 54-hole leader in the U.S. Open, McIlroy for tying a record with a 63 at St. Andrews in the opening round of the British Open.

Of the top six on the leaderboard—five of those players in their 20s—none has won a major. The last time the top six contenders were this green in the PGA Championship was in 1992 at Bellerive, which Nick Price won for the first of his three majors.

"There's some really good players that haven't won a major," Watney said. "And all the guys that have, at one point they hadn't won, either. So you've got to start somewhere. And hopefully, tomorrow will be my day."

Watney only seriously struggled at the end, when he went from deep rough on the right of the 18th to deep rough in the side of a hill left of the green. He did well to make a bogey and finish three long days at 13-under 203.

Johnson found enough accuracy to go with his awesome power for a 67, giving him a shot at redemption. He had a three-shot lead at the U.S. Open, only to lose it all on the second hole on his way to an 82.

He figures that will only help him.

"Any time you can be in that situation and know what to expect, you've definitely got a leg up on the other people," Johnson said. "Because not everyone has been in that situation of being in the lead in a major. So I'm pretty confident. And I've been playing really well this week. I'm looking forward going into tomorrow."

McIlroy also had a 67 while playing with Johnson, and while he made six birdies, he saved his round with a number of par putts from the 6-foot range that could easily have dropped him down the leaderboard.

McIlroy, who won the Quail Hollow Championship this year by closing with a 62, is coming off a memorable major of his own. He opened with a 63 at St. Andrews, got knocked sideways in the wind with an 80 in the second round, and rallied to tie for third.

Is he ready at age 21 to become the youngest major champion since John McDermott was 20 when he won the 1911 U.S. Open?

What's too young anymore?

"The players are just getting so much better at a younger age," McIlroy said. "Their confidence is so high that they can take on shots that other guys just might not have thought they could. I don't know if that's because most of the guys swing it better out here now or whatever, but it does seem the younger guys are coming out and they're just a lot better and more ready to win."

And there are a lot of them, especially at Whistling Straits.

Jason Day, the 22-year-old Australian who won in Dallas this year, had a 66 and was in the group at 9-under 207 that included Martin Kaymer, the 25-year-old from Germany who has top 10s in the last two majors. Kaymer shot 67.

The only player among the top six not in his 20s was the biggest surprise of all—Liang Wenchong, a 32-year-old from China who set the course record at Whistling Straits with a 64. He didn't start playing the game until he was 15.



Some of these guys already were dreaming of winning majors at that age.

As for Tiger Woods? His only hope is to shoot his best round of his strange season on Sunday and try to earn a Ryder Cup berth.

Woods scrambled brilliantly in the morning to finish off the second round with a 70 and get within five shots, then opened the third round by stuffing his first couple of iron shots. He couldn't make a birdie, however, and had to rally for a 72 on a day when the average score was 71 in soft conditions and relative calm.

Woods wound up 10 shots behind. He likely will need to finish at least in seventh place alone to make the Ryder Cup team.

"I just want to play a good round and see where that puts me," Woods said.

Five of the last six major champions had never won one before, the exception Phil Mickelson this year at the Masters. To see so much inexperience at the top—not to mention youth—is not nearly as surprising in a year in which 27-year-old Louis Oosthuizen won the British Open at St. Andrews, and 30-year-old

Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland won at Pebble Beach.

"I guess you could say the younger guys are starting to play a lot better," Johnson said. "We're starting to contend in majors. We're definitely moving forward, that's for sure."

Major championship experience is lurking.

Former Masters champion Zach Johnson shot a 69 and was in a group at 8-under 208 that included former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (70) and former PGA champion Steve Elkington (67).

The course was such a pushover that 19 players shot in the 60s. But at least everyone could see, ending two days of fog delays that forced some to play 30 holes on Saturday.

Watney has only two PGA Tour victories, the most recent last year at Torrey Pines, and while he has top 10s in two majors this year, he was never a factor in either one.

It sure didn't look that way Saturday, when he came out firing.

He birdied the first two holes with wedges inside 6 feet to jump past 36-hole leader Matt Kuchar, who didn't make a birdie until the 16th hole and shot a 73 to fall six shots behind. Watney then ran off three straight birdies starting on the par-5 fifth, perhaps his best shot a 5-iron to 12 feet on the tricky par-3 seventh.

Mickelson continued to hit tee shots all over the course, and it finally caught up with him in a round of 73 that put in a tie for 48th.

Woods almost certainly will end a second straight year without a major.

Even giving himself a chance on Saturday was a minor miracle. He hit only five fairways, putted for birdie on only half of his holes and made every hole an adventure. Standing behind the 17th green, where Woods hit a 4-iron right at the flag on the dangerous left side of the green for birdie, caddie Steve Williams shook his head.

"In my 32 years as a caddie, this is the greatest 70 I've ever seen," Williams said. Before heading to the 18th tee, he added, "And if he bogeys the last hole, it will be the greatest 71 I've ever seen."

Woods made par, but only after hitting a huge cut with a 5-wood from a bunker that was sunken below the fairway, leaving his 60-foot birdie putt inches short. "I'm right back in the ball game," Woods said, who finished his second round at 3-under 141, only five shots back.

As has been the case for so much of the year, however, no one can ever tell who is going to show up.

Two hours after he finished his second round with 25 putts, he missed birdie putts from inside 10 feet on the opening two holes and soon was spiraling down the leaderboard.

"I didn't make any putts early when I stuffed them in there," he said, "and didn't get any momentum."

LeBron's move OK, Heat no lock, say Hall inductees



SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Don't blame LeBron James for leaving Cleveland. Don't fit him for a ring yet, either.

That was the message at the Hall of Fame on Friday, where James' move to Miami was a topic among this year's induction class.

With James joining Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, the Heat have become a title favorite. But Karl Malone is sticking with the reigning champions, and Scottie Pippen isn't even sure Miami will reach the NBA finals.

"I would say this: With the guys they got, they're going to be a hell of a team," Malone said of the Heat. "I pick the Lakers."

Malone also joked that former coach and current ESPN analyst Jeff Van Gundy "must have had some red wine that night, a lot of it," when he predicted recently that the Heat could break Chicago's record of 72 wins set in 1995-96.

Pippen, who played on that team, said the Heat need to start with smaller expectations.

"I'd like to see them win a championship first," he said.

James was criticized for deciding to an-

nounce his free agency decision during an ESPN special, rather than inform the Cavaliers and his other suitors himself. Pippen agreed that wasn't the best choice, but said there was nothing wrong with him leaving Ohio.

"I don't know what all the grief was about," Pippen said. "No fans, no organization, no one can decide what a free agent can do or should do or where he's going to go, and there's no reason for anyone to hold a grudge against LeBron for making that decision."

Oscar Robertson also defended James, saying the free agents were just taking advantage of the "Oscar Robertson Rule." Robertson, as president of the NBA Players Association, filed a class-action lawsuit against the league and its teams that the league settled in 1976, removing a team's option to keep a player for life and opening the door for unrestricted free agency.

Malone spent nearly his entire career in Utah before joining a powerful Lakers team that had Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant for a last-ditch run at a title in 2003-04. So he wasn't going to criticize James for bolting Cleveland for a better shot on a better team—though he didn't care for

the way it was done, either.

"That's his decision. My decision, when I left Utah, I went to L.A. to win a championship and had an opportunity," Malone said. "Him leaving, that's him. I don't know what to tell you. The way it went down, I'm not into that."

Malone ended up getting hurt and the Lakers fell short, and he warns that injuries could get in the Heat's way. Pippen, meanwhile, thinks Miami's size could be a problem.

"There are a couple of teams in the East that they're going to have to contend with, that they're going to have matchup problems with," Pippen said. "You think of Boston, Orlando. I don't see anybody that they can get to run up and down the court with (Dwight) Howard right now and that's a game changer."

Malone said the Lakers also got better over the summer with the additions of Matt Barnes and Steve Blake. While admitting he's biased, he believes they will win a third in a row.

"As long as you've got Kobe on that team," Malone said, "and Derek Fisher on that team and Pau Gasol and coach (Phil) Jackson and his staff, I'm picking the Lakers."

Giants edge Padres over 11 innings

(AP)—Juan Uribe hit an RBI single in the 11th inning as the San Francisco Giants rallied for a rare win against the San Diego Padres, edging their National League West rivals 3-2 on Saturday.

The Giants won for just the second time in 10 meetings against San Diego and moved within 2 1/2 games of the Padres for first place in the NL West division.

Buster Posey led off the 11th against San Diego pitcher Tim Stauffer (3-2) with a groundball double up the middle. After Pablo Sandoval was intentionally walked, Uribe blooped a single to right and Posey easily scored.

Giants reliver Santiago Casilla (4-2) escaped a first-and-third, one-out jam in the 11th by striking out one and forcing a line out to earn the win.

Dodgers 2, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Ted Lilly threw six scoreless innings for his third straight win as Los Angeles held on for a narrow win over Atlanta.

Lilly (6-8) left the game with a 1-0 lead.

Dodgers closer Hong-Chih Kuo pitched a perfect ninth in his first opportunity since Jonathan Broxton was removed from the closer's role on Friday.

Los Angeles had two or more baserunners in four of the first six innings against Atlanta's Derek Lowe (11-10), who pitched out of all the jams except in the fourth. Lowe gave up 10 hits in six innings.

Phillies 4, Mets 0

In New York, Philadelphia took advantage of some shoddy defense to scratch out its first runs at Citi Field this season, beating New York.

Phillies starter Roy Halladay (15-8) made the meager offense look insurmountable. He also had a base hit and scored a run while winning his season-high fifth straight start, which includes a victory last weekend against New York

Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez was booed when he pitched for the first time since his arrest on a charge of assaulting his girlfriend's father at Citi Field.

New York starter Pat Misch (0-1) gave up four runs in six innings. The Mets committed three errors that led to three unearned runs.

Reds 5, Marlins 4

In Cincinnati, Mike Leake snapped his three-start losing streak and drove in a run, guiding Cincinnati past Florida.

Leake (8-4) allowed runners to reach second base in every one of his six innings, but he was hurt only by two homers. The rookie gave up six hits and struck out six.

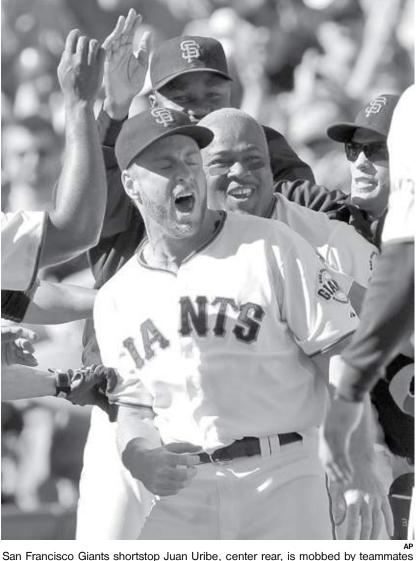
Drew Stubbs homered as the Reds moved back into a tie with St. Louis for the NL Central lead.

Florida's Sean West (0-2) took the loss.

Brewers 5, Rockies 4

In Denver, Casey McGehee hit an RBI single in the 10th inning as Milwaukee overcame three errors and having three runners thrown out on the basepaths to beat Colorado.

Ryan Braun led off the 10th with



including closer Brian Wilson, center front, after Uribe drove the game winning run with a single during the 11th inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres in San Francisco, Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010.

a double off Huston Street (2-4) and Prince Fielder was then intentionally walked. McGehee then lined his second single of the night into center to score Braun.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Carlos Zambrano won for the first time since his banishment for a dugout tantrum in June, and Chicago snuck past St. Louis.

Zambrano (4-6) allowed seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. Carlos Marmol got the final five outs for the save, his 20th in 24 chances but his first in three weeks.

Chris Carpenter (13-4) took the loss as the Cardinals were defeated for the first time in five games.

Diamondbacks 9, Nationals 2

In Washington, Miguel Montero hit two of Arizona's four home runs in the victory over Washington.

Montero started things by launching a two-run shot in the second off Jason Marquis (0-5). Gerardo Parra added his third home run with two outs to make it 3-0. Kelly Johnson hit his 18th in the fourth. Montero led off the sixth with his second home run.

Ian Kennedy (7-9) pitched seven strong innings and singled twice for the Diamondbacks. In his longest start for nine weeks, he allowed two runs, walked only one and struck out seven. His two hits were a career

Astros 3, Pirates 2

In Houston, Bud Norris had a careerhigh 14 strikeouts to steer Houston to a win over Pittsburgh.

Norris (5-7) survived a shaky first inning to last seven, conceding two runs. He also got two hits for the first time in his career.

Hunter Pence homered in the fourth and drove in the tiebreaking run with a double in the seventh as the Astros won at home against the Pirates for the eighth straight time.

Red Sox 3, Rangers 1

In Arlington, Texas, Jon Lester pitched eight scoreless innings as the Boston Red Sox stopped the American League West-leading Texas Rangers.

On a steamy night, Lester (13-7) was sharp, striking out five and walk-

Texas' Josh Hamilton homered with one out in the ninth and went 2 for 4, raising his major league-high average

Rangers starter Colby Lewis (9-9) lost his fourth consecutive decision despite striking out nine and allowing just one run over 6 2-3 innings.

Twins 2, Athletics 0

In Minneapolis, Brian Duensing pitched a shutout in his first career complete game, giving Minnesota victory over Oakland.

He outdueled A's starter Trevor Cahill (12-5), who matched a modern major league record with his 20th straight start of five innings or more and allowing six hits or fewer. Nolan Ryan did the same in 1972-73 for the Angels.

Cahill surrendered just one run and a walk in seven innings. He struck out five.

Tigers 3, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Alex Avila hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off substitute closer J.J. Putz, lifting Detroit over Chicago.

It was only Avila's fifth homer of the year. He platoons at catcher and is batting .214.

The White Sox have gone from leading the AL Central by 1 1/2 games to

trailing Minnesota by two. The Tigers remain 10 1/2 games out.

Putz (5-4), working the ninth inning as Bobby Jenks sat out with back spasms, opened by giving up a single. After a strikeout, Avila hit Putz's next pitch over the left-field wall.

Angels 7, Blue Jays 2

In Anaheim, Bobby Wilson had his first two-homer game in the major leagues and drove in a career-high five runs as Los Angeles overcame Toronto.

The Angels were helped by Hideki Matsui going 4 for 4, including a tworun homer.

L.A. starter Ervin Santana (12-8) pitched seven innings and allowed three hits. He is 4-0 with a 2.32 ERA in his past four starts against Toronto, including a pair of complete games earlier this season.

Yankees 8, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Alex Rodriguez hit three home runs in a game for the fourth time in his career, putting on a late power show that led New York past Kansas City.

Rodriguez drove in five runs, taking over the major league RBIs lead with 97. He picked on three different pitchers for his deep drives.

After striking out on three pitches from Sean O'Sullivan in his previous at-bat, Rodriguez led off the sixth inning with a 412-foot shot against the Royals starter.

Rodriguez added a two-run drive off Kanekoa Texeira in the seventh that carried 419 feet and put the Yankees on top 6-3.

A-Rod connected in the ninth against Greg Holland for the most impressive drive, a 439-foot shot that landed in the water fountains in left field.

Rodriguez has 21 home runs this season and 604 lifetime. It was the 56th multihomer game of his 16-year career.

New York's Phil Hughes (14-5) went 5 1-3 innings for the victory.

Rays 7, Orioles 3

In St. Petersburg, Kelly Shoppach hit his second career grand slam and a solo homer, leading Tampa Bay over **Baltimore**

Trailing 3-0 in the fourth, Sean Rodriguez had an RBI double before Shoppach hit his slam to make it 5-3. Shoppach's solo shot in the eighth was just his third extra-base hit since June.

Tampa Bay's Andy Sonnanstine (3-1), making his second start for the injured Jeff Niemann, gave up three hits over five innings.

Orioles starter Brian Matusz (4-12) became the AL's second 12-game loser along with teammate Kevin Millwood. Matusz allowed five runs in four innings.

Mariners 9, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Josh Bard hit his first career grand slam and added a double and two singles, leading Seattle over Cleveland.

Jason Vargas (9-5) pitched seven innings to earn his third straight win for the Mariners, now 4-1 since interim manager Daren Brown replaced the fired Dan Wakamatsu.

Cleveland's Mitch Talbot (8-10) and reliever Hector Ambriz gave up five runs and made 27 pitches before recording an out in the fifth inning.

Rodriguez apologizes to teammates, fans for fight

NEW YORK (AP)—Mets closer my job, my career and perform the Francisco Rodriguez was greeted harshly when he returned to the mound Saturday night, hours after apologizing to teammates and fans for a physical altercation at Citi Field that resulted in his arrest and two-day suspension.

There were mostly boos when Rodriguez ran in from the bullpen to begin the ninth inning, and a second chorus of boos when he was announced—though there were plenty of Phillies fans in the ballpark. Rodriguez gave up a leadoff double but didn't allow a run in the 4-0 loss.

"After a storm comes the calm. It's all I can say," Rodriguez said in Spanish. "Tomorrow I will turn the page and keep going. It's not the end of the world. I'm a human being. Everybody makes mistakes and you have to learn from them. I understand the situation and I will continue to go ahead, keep focused on best I can the rest of the season."

Rodriguez said that he understood why the crowd of 39,151 at Citi Field was against him.

"If I was a fan," Rodriguez also would have booed me."

Rodriguez rejoined his team three days after he was arrested and charged with third-degree assault on his girlfriend's father following a loss to Colorado. He stood before more than two dozen reporters and recited a contrite statement before the game without taking questions.

"First of all. I'm extremely sorry." he said in a small room across the hall from the Mets' clubhouse at Citi Field. "I want to apologize to (owners) Fred Wilpon, Jeff Wilpon and Mr. (Saul) Katz for the incident that happened Wednesday night. I want to apologize also to the Mets fans, to my teammates. I want to apologize, of course, to the front office for the embarrassing moment that I caused. I'm looking forward to being a better person.

"Right now the plan is I'm going to be going to an anger management program," Rodriguez said. "I cannot speak no farther about the legal stuff that we're going through right now."

The 28-year-old reliever is accused of grabbing 53-year-old Carlos Pena. hauling him into a tunnel near the family lounge beneath Citi Field and hitting him in the face. Pena was taken to a hospital with a scrape and swelling above his eyebrow, and Rodriguez was held by authorities.

He appeared at a Queens courthouse on Thursday, though he did not speak or enter a plea. Judge Mary O'Donoghue issued orders of protection for him to stay away from his girlfriend—Daian Pena, the mother of their 1-year-old twinsand her father.

IT&E keeps CNMI Senior All-Stars connected



IT&E marketing associate Brad Ruszala poses with the 2010 CNMI Senior League All-Stars at IT&E's Chalan Laulau office. IT&E provided an assortment of gear and long distance cards to each coach and player so that they can stay in touch with friends and family back home in the Marianas.

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One of the Commonwealth's telecommuni-

cations providers gave much needed parting gifts to the CNMI Senior League All-Stars a day before the Asia-Pacific Regional champions left for Bangor, Maine to compete in the 2010 Senior World Series.

IT&E welcomed the 16 Little League players to the com-

pany's Chalan Laulau office Thursday and gave them a substantial cache of long distance cards, T-shirts, and other items.

Brad Ruszala, IT&E marketing associate, said the parting gifts were the telecommunications company's way of thanking the team for representing the CNMI and wishing the players luck in their stint in the World Series.

"We wanted to recognize the team for their achievement and provide them with a little piece of home while they're away

in Bangor, Maine. The calling cards will let them stay in touch with their friends and families here in the Marianas, and the shirts will let them represent the 670 in the mainland," he said.

Ruszala said the donations consisted of IT&E long distance cards, Team IT&E 670 T-shirts, and lanyards and keychain flashlights for each player and coaching staff member.

"We just wanted the team to know that the community is proud of everything that they've accomplished so far. Want to wish them a safe trip and the best of luck in the World Series. Win or lose, we're behind them 100 percent," he added.

The CNMI Senior League All-Stars won the Asia-Pacific Little League Regional Tournament championship after rallying to beat archrival Guam, 8-4, last July 15 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The team is made up of Richard Dela Cruz, Harry Nakamura, Zachary Aldan, Carl C. Camacho, Diego Camacho, Ricardo Dela Cruz, McGarette Duenas,

Nathan M. Guerrero, Gregorio and the coaches are Tony De-Iskawa, Jeremy Lizama, Marvin Ngeskebei, Joseph B. Pala-P. Santos, Kevin Y. Villagomez, and Jesse Yamagishi.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars' manager is Jonathan Tenorio Leon Guerrero and Lawrence.

The CNMI will compete cios Jr., Leonard T. Sablan, Jake in the Senior World Series against five teams from the U.S., a team from Canada, as well as international teams from Aruba and Italy.

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playoff played just before the championship match.

Eight teams with sevenplayer rosters participated in the five-on-five soccer event, which organizers estimated lasted six and a half hours.

Fiesta Resort Sports and Recreation manager Lucio Aldan said that they are planning to make this an annual event and will consider organizing a youth version of the tournament in the future. Next time, they might organize co-ed, men's, and women's divisions.

"The tournament was really an experimental event to introduce this creative new sport to the community. I am pleased with the turnout, but naturally we were hoping for more participants. Hopefully some good word of mouth

will help get more people to check it out. I am also proud to say that the execution of the event ran very smoothly and everybody had a great time," said Aldan.

Aldan also said that Fiesta Resort might install lights to enable night games on the beach because it can get very hot with the sun beating down all day.

Aldan also wanted to thank all the sponsors including Tan Holdings for providing the trophies, Pacific Trading Co. for providing refreshments, Docomo Pacific for providing prizes, and Fiesta Resort for the cash prize money. He also wanted to thank everyone who helped organize the tournament, especially the volunteer referees.

The games were formatted with three five-minute periods with a three-minute break in between. Surprisingly, none of the contests ended in a tie and no penalty kickoffs took place.

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67-52, to advance to the semis.

In Friday's first game, Satbahi started slow and found themselves trailing by a handful after the first quarter. Archers' Rommel Usi and Edmark Mendoza each hit a three and scored six and five points, respectively, to help put their team ahead, 20-15, after the opening quarter.

Satbahi then fought back to bring down its deficit to one at the half, but the Archers' Mendoza managed six more points to help give his team a 35-34 lead.

Archers swingman Noel David stepped up in a very tight third quarter with six points, but Satbahi's Rolly Paraiso and Andy Mortos scored eight and six points that helped tie up the score at 50-all heading into the final frame.

Satbahi played from behind the whole game, but was never more than a couple of possessions down. Satbahi's Paraiso turned it up in the fourth with 10 big points that helped shoot them ahead. It also worked that his team's defense went on to fend off the Archers in the final moments.

In the second game, MGD took an early 18-11 lead in the first quarter. The smaller Trinity squad had trouble dealing with MGD's brawny defense

With Trinity big man Epi Cabrera always hanging out by the 3-point line, MGD's Art Trajano was clearing rebounds at will down low.

However, Trinity recovered from their shaky start and claimed a 33-32 lead right at the end of the half.

In the third quarter MGD gathered their composure to reclaim the lead, 50-47. Perhaps MGD elected to give their starters some rest going into the fourth quarter.

Remarkably, Trinity played three solid quarters of basketball with only a seven-man roster, but they eventually gassed out by the last period. MGD stars Vonz Tamayo and Alex Lauron turned in 10 and eight points, respectively, late in the game to help seal it for MGD.

In last Wednesday's playoff matchups, Grillin' advanced over the Fixers, 99-75, in a onesided contest.

The Fixers started out very well, with Grillin' stars Lerio Pagarao and Roger Herrera out of the conversation, and only

trailed by three after one quarter, 22-19. Then the Fixers actually took a two-point lead, 42-40, at the half thanks in part by 16 points by Fixers front man J.R. Barrios.

The Fixers' thrill was short lived though as the second half of this one was a completely different story.

Down by two entering the third period, Grillin's Pagarao and Herrera scored 14 and 12 points in the quarter to help their team amass a six-point lead, 69-63.

Pagarao scored nine, Herrera seven, and teammate Jun Itaas also sunk a couple of threes late in the final quarter as Grillin' ran away with it at the end.

In Wednesday's second game, Wings Travel pulled out an impressive fourth quarter performance to knock off DL Cooking Gas, 67-52, after a close three quarters of play.

DL Gas' Jorge De Guzman, Gil Gapor, and Sonny Ebuen combined for 13 points in the first quarter to help give their team an early lead.

Wings Travel started slow and only scored eight points in the opening period, but put themselves back into contention by the end of the first half.

DL Gas on the other hand blew their nine-point lead to just a basket by halftime, 27-25.

Wings Travel's James Camacho and Dennis Morales led the way in the first half with seven and six marks, respectively.

The score was tied at, 43-43, at the end of the third quarter, but at least DL Gas showed signs of settling down to keep the game interesting. DLG's Gapor added six more points in the third, but Wings Travel's Ron Gamboa and Leo Itaas answered back with six and four points.

Then DL Gas' offense all but disappeared as the wheels came off in the final period. Wings Travel may have only scored eight points at the very beginning, but DL Gas was held to only nine points at crunch time and lost it by 15 points after holding the lead for the majority of the game.

FRIDAY First Game

Satbahi 70 – Paraiso 24, Mortos 14, Sison 12, Camacho 10, Torres 4, Concepcion 3, Tengco 3.

Archers 67 - David 17, Mendoza 15, R. Usi 12, Quinito 10, Guiang 5, De Guzman 3, Anciete 2, M. Usi 2, Moscoso 1.

Scoring by quarters: 15-20, 34-35, 50-50, 70-67.

Ulyssis Kapileo (87).

ers to take advantage of the five remaining monthly aces. For more information, call Diwain Stephens at 288-0005, Joe Saures at 234-5506, or Jordon Kosam at 483-3111.

Second Game

MGD 75 – Lauron 27, Tamayo 23, Achas 8, Tagle 6, Trajano 4, Barbo 3, Garon 2.

Trinity 64 – Palacios 21, Dulfo 15, Loste 13, Cabrera 12, Manuel 3.

Scoring by quarters: 18-11, Second Game 32-33, 50-47, 75-64.

WEDNESDAY First Game

Wings Travel 67 - Camacho 15, Gamboa 15, Itaas 12, Morales 6, Angelhart 5, Manalo 4, Mina 4, Abuan 2, Herrera 2, Yalung 2.

DL Gas 52 - Gapor 18, Abedes 8, De Guzman 9, Ebuen 6, Ilahi 4, Dayrit 3, Guerrero 2, Tenorio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-17, 25-27, 43-43, 67-52.

Grillin' 99 - Ritual 22, Pagaro 31, Herrera 30, Hernandez 10, Itaas 6.

Fixers 75 -Barrios 22, Camacho 13, Vergara 13, Martin 7, Cabrera 6, Llagas 6, Cayanan 5, Garcia 2, Valencia 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 40-42, 69-63, 99-75.

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our opponents, as there was not a single repeat male player from the 2006 Saipan Micronesian Games. The biggest revelation would have to be the talent and level of play of Ramon Gulla, the Filipino player who represented the Republic of Palau, as he fully deserved his silver medal in the competition," he said.

And speaking of the 6th Micronesian Games, Lim believes that while the 2006 team was superior than the 2010 ping-pong squad, he said the experience and versatility of Lu, Su, Gurung, and himself turned out to be a winning combination in Palau.

"I would say that the 2006 team was more talented than our 2010 team overall. Operationally, the 2006 team had more players to choose from to face a particular opposing team. However, the 2010 team had a larger

range of playing styles than the 2006 team, sort of like a baseball team having left- and righthanded pitching and sluggers and contact hitters batting. The Luke Lu of 2010 also upgraded from the Luke Lu of 2006, without a doubt," he said.

Lim added that the CNMI ping-pong team would've even gotten more medals if not for the absence of Micronesia's top female player, Jean Shi.

"It is unfortunate that we were unable to bring along Jean. I believe that Jean would have been more than a handful for her opponents to handle. I'd rather not speculate on medals, except to say that we would have been confident of Jean obtaining a medal in every event she would be qualified for," he said.

For the record, Palau's Orachel Watanabe swept the gold medals of the four events she was qualified for. But for Lim, Shi is still the de facto benchmark for women's table tennis players in Micronesia.

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shoot the amazingly low score. When Wabol's two handicap was factored in, the many time CNMI national golfer wound up with net of 66.

Tars Olapai and Asterio Tawanpiy both finished with identical net scores of 68, but the former took second place on a scorecard tiebreak.

Closest to the pin winner was Tawanpiy, who was on target in the two assigned holes—the third and 13th.

A total of 14 RGA regulars took part in the qualifier. The rest of the players, with their scores in parenthesis, are as follows: Nick DL Guerrero (71); Ed Tenorio (71); Jesse Seman (72); Manny Mangarero (76); Tom Tebuteb (78); Jordan Kosam (78); Tony Satur (79); Joe Wabol (79); Ray

Tigilau (81); Joe Saures (81); and

RGA is reminding all play-

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Weekend Sports

he 7th Micronesian Games dominated the headlines these past two weeks with athletes from around the region taking center stage in Palau.

While the CNMI eventually finished runner-up in the medal standings to Palau, the Commonwealth athletes' haul of 44 gold, 23 silver, and 25 bronze medals was still impressive considering that the host team fielded twice the number of participants to the quadrennial event.

Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president and CNMI delegation chef de mission Michael White said he couldn't have asked for more from Team Marianas in the Games.

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"We're very happy with what we have achieved. Of course, you always look for more, but we're happy and satisfied with the results we did get," he said.

CNMI swimmer Rezne Wong also made his home islands proud after taking home the Top Male Athlete of the Games award. The 19-year-old University of Hawaii-Manoa incoming sophomore dominated the pool competition with his 13

gold medals.

Like Palau Micro Games athletes, CNMI netters returned home triumphant from three tournaments in Fiji last Aug. 8.

In the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, Commonwealth netters helped the North Team win the championship with 131 total points, breaking traditional powerhouse West Team's nine-year stranglehold of the title. In the Oceania Plate, Rafael Jones finished No. 1 in the Senior Boys division with an immaculate 6-0 record.

The CNMI's top netter Ji Hoon Heo, for his part, improved to No. 442 in the current International Tennis Federation rankings after a sterling stint in the 2010 Air Pacific Oceania Closed Junior Championship.

The 18-year-old Marianas High School graduate was previously ranked 685, but quarterfinal appearances in the singles and doubles divisions of the OCJC improved his stock.

In other news this past week, the CNMI Senior League All-Stars left Saipan Friday to compete in the Senior League World Series set from Aug. 15 to 21 in Bangor, Maine.

There they will compete against five teams from the U.S., one from Canada, as well

as international teams from Aruba and Italy.

The Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 also concluded last Aug. 8 with Rey Bulaon and Hapi Gabriel defeating top seed Dick Guinto and Andreau Galvez for the men's double AA division championship.

Jonny's IT&E Voyagers and USSP Fotten Palau players, meanwhile, were feted for winning their respective divisions in the Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball League.

Action in the Emon Lodge caging, UFO caging, and Miller Lite caging also continued last week in separate venues on Saipan.



Ji Hoon Heo, seen here in a file photo, improved his ITF Junior rankings following a sterling performance in the 2010 Air Pacific Oceania Closed Junior Championship in Lautoka, Fiji.



MARR RABAGO Rezne Wong, seen here posing with his parents Eli and Millet Wong and younger brother Elnathan after arriving at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport last Aug. 7, won an unbelievable 13 gold medals in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.



MARK RABAGO MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt gunner Elmer Esdrelon drives past Cavite's Mike Umali durig their game in the open division of the UFO caging last Aug. 5 at the JP Center Basketball Court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI outrigger canoe team paddles near the shore after completing the men's 500m race last week at Meyuns Seaplane Ramp.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Juan Maratita tries to tag out on third base a Palau runner during their gold medal game in the baseball competition of the 7th Micronesian Games last Aug. 9 at the Asahi Ball Field.



CONTRIBUTED PHOT

CNMI netters pose at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport last Aug. 8 following their arrival from Fiji, where they took part in Pacific Oceania-organized tournaments. From left, Thea Minor, Mikayla Lopez, Christian Miller, Negahr Rastgui, Jake Lee, Chris Cajigan, and Carl Dela Cruz.



Yvonne Bennett, seen here leading the 200m qualifying race, won five gold medals in the 7th Micronesian Game in Palau, including a new Games record in the 100m sprint (12.68 seconds).



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Rey Bulaon and Hapi Gabriel, left, pose with Macoi Aguda and Saul Gargallo before their playoff game in the Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 last Aug. 8 at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

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IT&E wins beach soccer tourney

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T&E defeated the Sons of Beaches, 4-0, in the first ever Fiesta Resort and Spa Beach Soccer Tournament last Saturday.

After a scoreless first period, Sons of Beaches scored a quick goal in the first few minutes of the second period to take a brief, 1-0, lead. However, in the later minutes IT&E tied it up and



added another one soon after to put them ahead 2-1. Then in the last peri-

od IT&E score two more goals at the very end.

The Top 3 teams all took home trophies and cash prizes. IT&E won \$500 and a set of beach chairs provided by Docomo Pacific.

Second place Sons of Beaches took home \$300 for their runner-up effort and Fan Chew won the third place and \$100 after defeating OJ, 2-1, in a very close consolation See IT&E on Page 26

Team IT&E poses for a photo with their trophies and \$500 check after winning Fiesta Resort and Spa's first ever Beach Soccer Tournament last Saturday.



Wabol tops RGA qualifier

By MARK RABAGO



Jess "Mr. Unorthodox" Wabol won the qualifier for Refalu-

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wasch Golf Association's August ace of the month tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The former Oleai Elementary School principal brought



Wabol

4-under par 68.

Wabol started slowly as he bogeyed the first hole, but he quickly made that up with birdies in the second and sixth holes to finish with a 1-under par 35 in the front nine.

He then dominated the back nine, walking away with three consecutive birdies in holes No. 16, 17, and 18 to See WABOL on Page 26

Experience made difference for CNMI ping-pong team

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Not as talented or deep as the 2006 CNMI National Table Tennis Team, the pingpong players that

suited up for the Commonwealth in the 7th Micronesian Games still proved to be the class of the competition at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center.

The team made up of Luke Lu, Su Yong Dong, Budhi Gurung, and playing coach Steve Lim took home three gold, one silver, and two bronze medals from the Palau Games.

The four teamed up to complete astonishing 9-0 sweeps of their matches against Pohnpei, Kosrae, Palau, and Guam en route for the team gold medal.

In the doubles, Lu and Su won the gold medal after beating Lim and Gurung, who settled for the silver; and in the singles Lu overwhelmed Palau's Ramon Gulla in the finals, while Gurung and Su won the bronze.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI National Table Tennis Team poses with CNMI delegation chef de mission Michael White at the close of the competition at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center in Koror, Palau. From left, Budhi Gurung, Su Yong Dong, Luke Lu, and Steve Lim.

Lim said the ping-pong team's success in the Micro Games was a combination of factors that came together at the exact opportune time.

"The overall success of the team in this Games was a combination of the right attitude, commitment, and dedication to the mission and each other by the participants, more experience and finally getting lucky breaks during the competition itself," he said.

The Transamerica general manager said the team was actually prepared for tougher sailing in Palau, but was surprised to find that the level of competition tapered off compared to the 2006 edition of the Games.

"The biggest surprise was the change of faces among See EXPERIENCE on Page 26

Final Four in Miller Lite caging set

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Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League heats up tonight

Action in the

with semifinal games on tap at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The first game will have No. 1 seed Satbahi taking on fourth Round of 8 game Friday. seed Wings Travel beginning at 6pm. It will be followed by the match between second seed MGD and No. 3 Grillin'.

Formerly known as Salbahe, Hard Rock Café's Satbahi, Chammoro for "Warriors," remains undefeated with 10 wins. Its latest victory came against defending champion Archers, which Satbahi knocked out, 70-63, in the quarterfinals last Friday.

MGD, meanwhile, eliminated Trinity, 75-64, in the other

Last Wednesday, Grillin' smoked the Fixers, 99-75, and Wings Travels flew by DL Gas, See FINAL on Page 26



MGD's Von Tamayo, Art Trajano, Alex Lauron, and Michael Achas pose for a picture after their team defeated Trinity, 73-64, to advance to tonight's Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League semifinals at Gualo Rai Basketball Court.